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The FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS commenced th day, in conformity with law, and the Senate assembled in its chamb at the city of Washington.

THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 1869.

PRESENT:

From the State of New Hampshire.

Messrs. { Aaron H. Cragin,
James W. Patterson.

From the State of Massachusetts.

Mr. Henry Wilson.

From the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

Mr. Henry B. Anthony.

From the State of Connecticut.

Mr. Orris S. Ferry.

From the State of Vermont.

Mr. Justin S. Morrill.

From the State of New York.

Mr. Roscoe Conkling.

From the State of New Jersey.

Mr. Alexander G. Cattell.

From the State of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Simon Cameron.

From the State of Maryland.

Mr. George Vickers.

From the State of North Carolina.

Messrs. { J. C. Abbott,
John Pool.

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From the State of South Carolina.

Messrs. { T. J. Robertson,
F. A. Sawyer.

From the State of Kentucky.

Messrs. { Garrett Davis,
Thomas C. McCreery.

From the State of Tennessee.

Mr. Joseph S. Fowler.

From the State of Ohio.

Mr. John Sherman.

From the State of Louisiana.

Messrs. { John S. Harris,
W. P. Kellogg.

From the State of Indiana.

Mr. Oliver P. Morton.

From the State of Illinois.

Mr. Lyman Trumbull.

From the State of Alabama.

Messrs. { George E. Spencer,
Willard Warner.

From the State of Maine.

Mr. William Pitt Fessenden.

From the State of Missouri.

Mr. Charles D. Drake.

From the State of Arkansas.

Messrs. { Alexander McDonald,
Benjamin F. Rice.

From the State of Michigan.

Mr. Jacob M. Howard.

From the State of Iowa.

Messrs. { James W. Grimes,
James Harlan.

From the State of Wisconsin.

Mr. Timothy Howe.

From the State of California.

Mr. Cornelius Cole.

From the State of Minnesota.

Mr. Daniel S. Norton.

From the State of Oregon.

Messrs. { Henry W. Corbett, George H. Williams.

From the State of Kansas.

Messrs. { Samuel C. Pomeroy, Edmund G. Ross.

From the State of West Virginia.

Mr. Waitman T. Willey.

From the State of Nevada.

Mr. James W. Nye.

From the State of Nebraska.

Mr. John M. Thayer.

The honorable Schuyler Colfax, Vice-President of the United States and President of the Senate, took the chair.

The credentials of the following named senators having been heretofore presented to the Senate, the oaths prescribed by law were administered to them by the Vice-President, and they took their seats in the Senate, to wit:

Mr. Thomas F. Bayard, from the State of Delaware.
Mr. Arthur J. Boreman, from the State of West Virginia.
Mr. William A. Buckingham, from the State of Connecticut.
Mr. Matt. H. Carpenter, from the State of Wisconsin.
Mr. Eugene Casserly, from the State of California.
Mr. Zachariah Chandler, from the State of Michigan.
Mr. George F. Edmunds, from the State of Vermont.
Mr. Reuben E. Fenton, from the State of New York.
Mr. Abijah Gilbert, from the State of Florida.
Mr. Hannibal Hamlin, from the State of Maine.
Mr. D. D. Pratt, from the State of Indiana.
Mr. Alexander Ramsey, from the State of Minnesota..
Mr. Carl Schurz, from the State of Missouri.
Mr. John Scott, from the State of Pennsylvania.
Mr. William Sprague, from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.
Mr. William M. Stewart, from the State of Nevada.

Mr. John P. Stockton, from the State of New Jersey.
Mr. Charles Sumner, from the State of Massachusetts.
Mr. Allen G. Thurman, from the State of Ohio.
Mr. Thomas W. Tipton, from the State of Nebraska.

The President elect of the United States, the Chief Justice and associate justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, foreign ministers, and other persons entitled to admission by order of the committee of arrangements, having entered the Senate chamber, the Senate proceeded, accompanied by them, to the eastern centre portico of the Capitol, where the President of the United States delivered the following address:

Citizens of the United States:

Your suffrages having elected me to the office of President of the United States, I have, in conformity to the Constitution of our country, taken the oath of office prescribed therein. I have taken this oath without mental reservation, and with the determination to do to the best of my ability all that it requires of me. The responsibilities of the position I feel, but accept them without fear. The office has come to me unsought; I commence its duties untrammelled. I bring to it a conscious desire and determination to fill it to the best of my ability to the satisfaction of the people.

On all leading questions agitating the public mind I will always express my views to Congress, and urge them according to my judgment; and, when I think it advisable, will exercise the constitutional privilege of interposing a veto to defeat measures which I oppose. But all laws will be faithfully executed whether they meet my approval or not.

I shall on all subjects have a policy to recommend, but none to enforce against the will of the people. Laws are to govern all alike, those opposed as well as those who favor them. I know no method to secure the repeal of bad or obnoxious laws so effective as their stringent execution.

The country having just emerged from a great rebellion, many questions will come before it for settlement in the next four years which preceding administrations have never had to deal with. In meeting these it is desirable that they should be approached calmly, without prejudice, hate or sectional pride, remembering that the greatest good to the greatest number is the object to be attained.

This requires security of person, property, and free religious and political opinion in every part of our common country, without regard to local prejudice. All laws to secure these ends will receive my best efforts for their enforcement.

A great debt has been contracted in securing to us and our posterity the Union. The payment of this, principal and interest, as well as the return to a specie basis, as soon as it can be accomplished without material detriment to the debtor class or to the country at large, must be provided for. To protect the national honor every dollar of government indebtedness should be paid in gold, unless otherwise expressly stipulated in the contract. Let it be understood that no repudiator of one farthing of our public debt will be trusted in public place, and it will go far towards strengthening a credit which ought to be the best in the world, and will ultimately enable us to replace the debt with bonds bearing less interest than we now pay. To this should be added a faithful collection of the revenue, a strict accountability to the treasury

for every dollar collected, and the greatest practicable retrenchment in expenditure in every department of government.

When we compare the paying capacity of the country now—with the ten States in poverty from the effects of war, but soon to emerge, I trust, into greater prosperity than ever before—with its paying capacity twenty-five years ago, and calculate what it probably will be twenty-five years hence, who can doubt the feasibility of paying every dollar then with more ease than we now pay for useless luxuries. Why, it looks as though Providence had bestowed upon us a strong box in the precious metals locked up in the sterile mountains of the far west, and which we are now forging the key to unlock, to meet the very contingency that is now upon us.

Ultimately it may be necessary to insure the facilities to reach these riches, and it may be necessary also that the general government should give its aid to secure this access. But that should only be when a dollar of obligation to pay secures precisely the same sort of dollar to use now and not before. Whilst the question of specie payments is in abeyance the prudent business man is careful about contracting debts payable in the distant future. The nation should follow the same rule. A prostrate commerce is to be rebuilt and all industries encouraged.

The young men of the country, those who from their age must be its rulers twenty-five years hence, have a peculiar interest in maintaining the national honor. A moment's reflection as to what will be our commanding influence among the nations of the earth in their day, if they are only true to themselves, should inspire them with national pride. All divisions, geographical, political, and religious, can join in this common sentiment. How the public debt is to be paid, or specie payments resumed, is not so important as that a plan should be adopted and acquiesced in. A united determination to do is worth more than divided councils upon the method of doing. Legislation upon this subject may not be necessary now, nor even advisable, but it will be when the civil law is more fully restored in all parts of the country, and trade resumes its wonted channels.

It will be my endeavor to execute all laws in good faith, to collect all revenues assessed, and to have them properly accounted for and economically disbursed. I will, to the best of my ability, appoint to office those only who will carry out this design.

In regard to foreign policy, I would deal with nations as equitable law requires individuals to deal with each other; and I would protect the law-abiding citizen, whether of native or foreign birth, wherever his rights are jeopardized or the flag of our country floats. I would respect the rights of all nations, demanding equal respect for our own. If others depart from this rule in their dealings with us, we may be compelled to follow their precedent.

The proper treatment of the original occupants of this land, the Indians, is one deserving of careful study. I will favor any course toward them which tends to their civilization and ultimate citizenship.

The question of suffrage is one which is likely to agitate the public so long as a portion of the citizens of the nation are excluded from its privileges in any State. It seems to me very desirable that this question should be settled now, and I entertain the hope and express the desire that it may be by the ratification of the fifteenth article of amendment to the Constitution.

In conclusion, I ask patient forbearance one towards another throughout the land, and a determined effort on the part of every citizen to do

his share toward cementing a happy Union, and I ask the prayers of the nation to Almighty God in behalf of this consummation.

The President having concluded his address, the oath prescribed by the Constitution was administered to him by the Chief Justice of the United States; and

The Senate returned to its chamber.

On motion by Mr. Trumbull,

Ordered, That the hour of the daily meeting of the Senate be 12 o'clock meridian, until otherwise ordered.

On motion by Mr. Trumbull,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 1869.

Mr. William G. Brownlow, elected a senator of the United States by the legislature of the State of Tennessee, for the term commencing on the 4th day of March, 1869, attended this day, and the oaths prescribed by law were administered to him by the Vice-President, and he took his seat in the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Anthony,

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate has assembled, and that the Senate is ready to proceed to business.

Mr. Sumner submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be directed to communicate to the Senate a list of the acts passed at the third session of the fortieth Congress, deposited in the State Department, as approved by the President of the United States, with the date of the approval of each; also the acts deposited in his department which became laws without the approval of the President.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk:

Mr. President: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House has assembled; that it has elected the Hon. James G. Blaine, one of the representatives from the State of Maine, Speaker, and that it is now ready to proceed to business.

Mr. Cameron submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That a committee consisting of two members be appointed, to join such committee as may be appointed by the House of Representatives, to wait upon the President of the United States, and inform him that a quorum of each house has assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

Ordered, That the committee be appointed by the Vice-President; and

The Vice-President appointed Mr. Cameron and Mr. McCreery.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Ramsey presented a memorial of the legislature of the State of Minnesota in favor of the improvement of the St. Croix river.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Ramsey presented a memorial of the legislative assembly of the Territory of Dakota, relative to a United States land office in the valley of the Red River of the North; also a memorial of the same legislature

praying for an appropriation to construct a wagon road from Fort Abercrombie down the Red river of the North.

Ordered, That the memorials lie on the table.

Mr. McCreery presented the petition of John B. Thompson, praying to be relieved from disabilities imposed upon him by acts of Congress; also, the petition of Elijah Fox, praying to be relieved from disabilities imposed upon him by acts of Congress.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Thayer asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 1) to repeal an act regulating the tenure of certain civil offices; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Edmunds asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 2) to amend an act regulating the tenure of certain civil offices, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Edmunds asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 3) to enforce the 14th amendment to the Constitution and the laws of the United States in the State of Georgia, and to restore to that State the republican government elected under its new constitution; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Howard asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 4) more effectually to insure the faithful completion of the Union Pacific railroad and its branches according to law; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Howard asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 5) to establish an ordnance commission and to consolidate the ordnance department with the artillery; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Anthony asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 6) to provide stationery for Congress and the several departments, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Tipton asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 7) granting lands and the right of way to the Denver, Central, and Georgetown Railway Company; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Tipton asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 8) granting the right of way and aid in public lands to the Denver, South Park, and Rio Grande Railway and Telegraph Company; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Rice asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 9) to incorporate the Central Indian Railroad Company in the Indian territory; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Harlan asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 10) granting land to the Iowa and Missouri State Line Railroad Company; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Warner asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 11) to renew certain grants of land to the State of Alabama; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Conkling asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 12) to authorize the New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company to land its cable upon the shores of the United States; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Conkling asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 13) to provide for a line of United States mail steamships for the conveyance of mails and emigrant passengers between New York and Europe; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wilson asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 14) to establish lines of American steamships between the United States of America and Europe; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wilson asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 15) for the more equal distribution of national banking capital; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cragin asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 16) to provide for the better administration of justice in the territories of the United States; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stewart asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 17) relative to the refining of gold and silver bullion at the mint of the United States and branches; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sumner asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 18) to enforce the several provisions of the Constitution abolishing slavery, declaring the immunities of citizens, and guaranteeing a republican form of government, by securing the elective franchise to citizens deprived of it by reason of race or color; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sumner asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 19) granting a pension to Mrs. Mary Lincoln, widow of Abraham Lincoln, late President of the United States; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Spencer asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 20) to encourage the production of cotton in the United States; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sawyer asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 21) authorizing payment to be made for certain services rendered to the United States in the late insurrectionary States; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kellogg asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 22) to establish and declare the railroad and bridges of the New Orleans, Mobile and Chattanooga Railroad Company, as hereafter constructed westward from the city of New Orleans, a post road, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ferry asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 1) for the removal of political disabilities; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Nye,

Ordered, That the letter of the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting the report of the trustees of colored schools of the cities of Washington and Georgetown, on the files of the Senate at the third session of the fortieth Congress, be printed.

On motion by Mr. Anthony,

Ordered, That a select committee, to consist of three members, be appointed by the Chair to revise the rules of the Senate; and

The Vice-President appointed Mr. Anthony, Mr. Pomeroy, and Mr. Edmunds.

Mr. Grimes submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That a committee of two senators be appointed to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum of the Senate has assembled, and that the Senate is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

Ordered, That the committee be appointed by the Vice-President; and

The Vice-President appointed Mr. Grimes and Mr. Cragin.

Mr. Grimes submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be directed to report to the Senate what contracts, if any, have been entered into between that department and Norman Wiard for the fabrication and delivery of ordnance or other arms since the 1st day of January, 1861, the terms and conditions of such contracts, how far such contracts have been fulfilled, how many guns have been delivered, and how much money has been paid him thereon, how much money, if any, is now due him on said contracts, or either of them, and all other information that will show the true nature, character, and result of all transactions between the said Wiard and the Navy Department on the subject of ordnance.

Mr. Trumbull submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That at 1 o'clock p. m., on Monday next, the Senate will proceed to the election of a chaplain of the Senate for the forty-first Congress.

Mr. Sawyer submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved by the Senate of the United States, (the House of Representatives concurring,) That a joint standing committee, to consist of three members of the Senate and five members of the House of Representatives, be appointed to consider all propositions for the removal of political disabilities by the 14th amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Mr. Drake submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the 39th rule of the Senate be amended by inserting in the fourth line thereof after the word "Senate" the words "except those with Indian tribes."

Mr. Harlan submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved by the Senate of the United States, (the House of Representatives concurring,) That a joint standing committee, to consist of three members of the Senate and five members of the House of Representatives, be appointed to consider all propositions relating to Indian tribes.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the resolution of the Senate for the appointment of a committee of two members

on the part of the Senate to join such committee as may be appointed by the House of Representatives to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum of each house has assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make; and

It has appointed Mr. Schenck and Mr. Logan the committee on its part.

On motion by Mr. Stewart,

Ordered, That Charles Weihle have leave to withdraw his petition and papers from the files of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Ferry.

Ordered, That Leonard Pope have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. Howard, at 1 o'clock p. m.,

The Senate took a recess until 15 minutes to 2 o'clock p. m., after which

Mr. Grimes, from the committee appointed to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum of the Senate has assembled, and that the Senate is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make, reported,

That the committee had performed the duty assigned them, and that the President had directed them to inform the Senate that he would communicate to the Senate immediately in writing.

A message was received from the President of the United States by General Rawlings.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

Pending which,

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 1869.

Mr. Richard Yates, from the State of Illinois, attended.

Mr. Cameron, from the joint committee appointed to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum of each house has assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make, reported—

That they had performed the duty assigned them, and that the President had requested the committee to inform the two houses that at present he had no communication to make to Congress.

The Vice-President presented the petition of John E. George, praying to be relieved from political disabilities.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Yates presented the petition of the executive committee of the United States Indian commission, praying the rejection of the Osage Indian treaty.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Yates presented the petition of D. F. McFarland, praying the passage of the bill to charter the Santa Fé University.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Yates presented the petition of Barbara Turpin, praying to be allowed a pension.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Scott presented three petitions of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, recognizing the obligations of the Christian religion.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Cole presented the petition of Joseph P. Kavanaugh, praying to be relieved from political disabilities.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Osborn presented the petition of Charles F. Hopkins, praying to be relieved from political disabilities.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Pool presented the petition of William H. Garris, praying the removal of political disabilities.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Wilson presented the petition of Alexander Montgomery, major and quartermaster United States army, relative to the appointment of junior officers to vacancies over him.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Wilson presented the petition of Junius A. Coleman, praying to be relieved from political disabilities.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Wilson presented the petition of J. A. Wallace, the petition of A. D. Lockett, the petition of G. H. Southae, and the petition of Peter B. Crowder, praying to be relieved of political disabilities.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Wilson presented the petition of citizens of Mississippi, praying the removal of the political disabilities of W. G. Vaughan.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Pomeroy presented several petitions of citizens of the States of New York, Pennsylvania, and Michigan, praying that in any amendment of the Constitution of the United States to extend or regulate suffrage, no distinction be made between men and women.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Sumner asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 23) for the further security of equal rights in the District of Columbia; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Grimes asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 24) for the reorganization of the navy of the United States; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cameron asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 25) supplementary to an act entitled "An act to authorize the extension, construction, and use of a lateral branch of the Baltimore and Potomac railroad into and within the District of Columbia," approved February 5, 1867; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Patterson asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 26) to further define and amend "An act for the punishment of crimes against the United States;" which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Spencer asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 27) to provide for the improvement of the river, bay, and

harbor of Mobile, in the State of Alabama; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Thayer asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 28) granting land to aid in the construction of a railroad from Sioux City, Iowa, to Columbus, Nebraska; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Thayer asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 29) to extend the provisions of "An act to enable the State of Arkansas and other States to reclaim the swamp lands within their limits" to the State of Nebraska; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Harlan asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 30) in relation to treaties with Indian tribes; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Harlan asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 31) to amend and consolidate the several acts establishing and relating to a metropolitan police of the District of Columbia; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ferry asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 32) to prevent the extermination of fur-bearing animals in Alaska; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Patterson asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 33) to repeal a part of the eighth section of the "Act to establish the Treasury Department," approved September 2, 1789; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sherman asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 34) relating to the Secretary of the Treasury; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

The following message from the President of the United States was received, by General Porter:

To the Senate of the United States:

Since the nomination and confirmation of Alexander T. Stewart to the office of Secretary of the Treasury, I find that by the eighth section of the act of Congress, approved September 2, 1789, it is provided as follows, to wit:

"*And be it further enacted*, That no person appointed to any office instituted by this act shall directly or indirectly be concerned or interested in carrying on the business of trade or commerce, or be owner in whole or in part of any sea-vessel, or purchase, by himself or another in trust for him, any public lands or other public property, or be concerned in the purchase or disposal of any public securities of any State or of the United States, or take or apply to his own use any emolument or gain for negotiating any business in the said department other than what shall be allowed by law; and if any person shall offend against any of the prohibitions of this act he shall be deemed guilty of a high misdemeanor and forfeit to the United States the penalty of $3,000, and shall upon conviction be removed from office and forever thereafter incapable of holding any office under the United States: *Provided*, That if any other person than a public prosecutor shall give information of any such offence upon which a prosecution and conviction shall be had,

one-half the aforesaid penalty of $3,000, when recovered, shall be for the use of the person giving such information."

In view of these provisions, and the fact that Mr. Stewart has been unanimously confirmed by the Senate, I would ask that he be exempted by joint resolution of the two houses of Congress from the operations of the same.

U. S. GRANT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *March* 6, 1869.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Drake to amend the 39th rule of the Senate; and,

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Select Committee to Revise the Rules of the Senate.

Mr. Robertson submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That a select committee of nine on the removal of disabilities be appointed by the President of the Senate, to whom shall be referred all matters relating to the removal of disabilities under the 14th amendment of the Constitution.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Sawyer, relative to the appointment of a joint special committee to consider all propositions for the removal of political disabilities; and the resolution having been modified by Mr. Sawyer, and an amendment being proposed by Mr. Spencer,

Ordered, That the resolution be referred to the Select Committee to Revise the Rules of the Senate.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, communicating, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate of the 1st instant, information in relation to the memorial of Brevet Brigadier General B. S. Roberts upon the subject of using the surplus waters of the upper lakes to improve the navigation of certain of the western rivers; which was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a resolution of the legislature of Kansas, ratifying the 15th article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Pomeroy,.

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 1869.

Mr. Cragin presented the petition of William A. Parker, captain United States navy, praying to be restored to the active list; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Anthony, and by unanimous consent, it was

Ordered, That so much of the thirty-fifth rule of the Senate as requires the appointment of the standing committees to be made by ballot be suspended.

Mr. Anthony submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the following be the standing committees of the Senate during the present session:

On Foreign Relations.—Mr. Sumner, chairman; Mr. Fessenden, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Harlan, Mr. Morton, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Casserly.

On Finance.—Mr. Sherman, chairman; Mr. Williams, Mr. Cattell, Mr. Morrill, Mr. Warner, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Bayard.

On Appropriations.—Mr. Fessenden, chairman; Mr. Grimes, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Cole, Mr. Sprague, Mr. Sawyer, Mr. Stockton.

On Commerce.—Mr. Chandler, chairman; Mr. Corbett, Mr. Kellogg, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Conkling, Mr. Buckingham, Mr. Vickers.

On Manufactures.—Mr. Morton, chairman; Mr. Yates, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Boreman, Mr. McDonald.

On Agriculture.—Mr. Cameron, chairman; Mr. Robertson, Mr. Tipton, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. McCreery.

On Military Affairs.—Mr. Wilson, chairman; Mr. Howard, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Morton, Mr. Thayer, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Schurz.

On Naval Affairs.—Mr. Grimes, chairman; Mr. Anthony, Mr. Cragin, Mr. Nye, Mr. Drake, Mr. Scott, Mr. Stockton.

On the Judiciary.—Mr. Trumbull, chairman; Mr. Stewart, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Conkling, Mr. Rice, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Thurman.

On Post Offices and Post Roads.—Mr. Ramsey, chairman; Mr. Pomeroy, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Hamlin, Mr. Cole, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Thurman.

On Public Lands.—Mr. Pomeroy, chairman; Mr. Williams, Mr. Tipton, Mr. Osborn, Mr. Warner, Mr. Sprague, Mr. Casserly.

On Private Land Claims.—Mr. Williams, chairman; Mr. Ferry, Mr. Sawyer, Mr. Kellogg, Mr. Bayard.

On Indian Affairs.—Mr. Harlan, chairman; Mr. Ross, Mr. Corbett, Mr. Thayer, Mr. Buckingham, Mr. Pool, Mr. Davis.

On Pensions.—Mr. Edmunds, chairman; Mr. Tipton, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Pratt, Mr. Brownlow, Mr. Schurz, Mr. McCreery.

On Revolutionary Claims.—Mr. Yates, chairman; Mr. Pool, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Brownlow, Mr. Saulsbury.

On Claims.—Mr. Howe, chairman; Mr. Willey, Mr. Scott, Mr. Sprague, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Pratt, Mr. Davis.

On the District of Columbia.—Mr. Hamlin, chairman; Mr. Patterson, Mr. Sumner, Mr. Rice, Mr. Harris, Mr. Pratt, Mr. Vickers.

On Patents.—Mr. Willey, chairman; Mr. Ferry, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Osborn, Mr. Norton.

On Public Buildings and Grounds.—Mr. Morrill, chairman; Mr. Trumbull, Mr. Ferry, Mr. Cole, Mr. Stockton.

On Territories.—Mr. Nye, chairman; Mr. Cragin, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Schurz, Mr. Howard, Mr. Boreman, Mr. McCreery.

On the Pacific Railroad.—Mr. Howard, chairman; Mr. Sherman, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Harlan, Mr. Drake, Mr. Rice, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Scott.

On Mines and Mining.—Mr. Stewart, chairman; Mr. Chandler, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Yates, Mr. Ross, Mr. Saulsbury, Mr. Fowler.

On the Revision of the Laws of the United States.—Mr. Conkling, chairman; Mr. Sumner, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Pool, Mr. Bayard.

On Education.—Mr. Drake, chairman; Mr. Morrill, Mr. Sawyer, Mr. Corbett, Mr. Pomeroy.

To Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate.—Mr. Cragin, chairman; Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Davis.

On Printing.—Mr. Anthony, chairman; Mr. Harris, Mr. Casserly.

On the Library.—Mr. Cattell, chairman; Mr. Howe, Mr. Fessenden.

On Enrolled Bills.—Mr. Thayer, chairman; Mr. Patterson, Mr. Abbott.

On Engrossed Bills.—Mr. Ross, chairman; Mr. Buckingham, Mr. Norton.

Mr. Ferry presented the petition of Solomon E. Bowles, praying that the Commissioner of Patents be authorized to entertain his application for the extension of his patent for a machine for raising and transporting stones; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Willey presented the petition of James Smith and others, praying compensation for certain property taken for the use of the United States army in March, 1862, by order of Colonel Orland Smith, commanding 73d regiment Ohio volunteers; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Pomeroy presented a resolution of the legislature of Kansas, in favor of the adjustment and payment of the claims of citizens of Kansas, for horses taken for the military service of the United States during the late war.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and be printed.

On motion by Mr. Kellogg,

Ordered, That the memorial of the legislative assembly of New Mexico, in favor of the confirmation of the Rio Grande land grant, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims and be printed.

Mr. Sumner presented a petition of citizens of the United States praying that in any amendment to the Constitution of the United States to regulate suffrage in the District of Columbia, or in any Territory, the right of voting be given to women on the same terms as the men; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Sumner presented a petition of William M. Hunt and others, artists, of Boston, praying that the copyright law may be so amended as to include works of art; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Rice presented a resolution of the legislature of Arkansas in favor of an appropriation for the purchase of a building site in the city of Little Rock, and the erection of a building for the accommodation of the various offices of the United States in that city.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

On motion by Mr. Rice,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of William J. Patten on the files of the Senate be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Yates presented the petition of Mrs. Zelica T. Dunlap, widow of Lieutenant Colonel James E. Dunlap, 29th Illinois volunteers, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. McCreery presented the petition of W. F. Hawes, praying to be relieved from political disabilities.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Willey,

Ordered, That the following petitions and accompanying papers on the files of the Senate be referred to the Committee on Patents:

The petition of Isabella C. Young.

The petition of Polly Hunt.

The petition of Richard M. Hoe.

On motion by Mr. Willey,

Ordered, That the following petitions and the accompanying papers on the files of the Senate be referred to the Committee on Claims:

The petition of Lorenzo Thomas, jr., and Henry C. Thomas;

The petition of Mathilda Victor.

On motion by Mr. Warner,

Ordered, That the following petitions and resolutions on the files of the Senate be referred to the Committee on Finance:

The petition of J. P. F. Camp;

Resolutions of the legislature of Alabama in favor of the allowance of interest accrued in certain funds between 1820 and 1831, withheld from said State.

Mr. Ramsey asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 35) to create an additional land district in the Territory of Dakota, to be called the Pembina district; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Tipton asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 36) granting the right of way through the public lands to the Midland Pacific Railway Company, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abbott asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 38) to remove the charge of desertion from certain soldiers of the 13th Tennessee cavalry; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Abbott,

Ordered, That the papers on the files of the Senate relating to the case of the 13th Tennessee cavalry be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Abbott asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 37) to remove the charge of desertion from certain soldiers of the North Carolina mounted infantry; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Abbott,

Ordered, That the papers on the files of the Senate relating to the case of the North Carolina mounted infantry be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Abbott asked, and by unanimous consent otained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 39) for the relief of Anson B. Sams; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Abbott,

Ordered, That the petition of Anson B. Sams on the files of the Senate be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Conkling asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 41) to prohibit secret sales or purchases of gold or bonds on account of the United States, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Finance, and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Conkling,

Ordered, That the bills, petitions, memorials and resolutions heretofore presented be referred to the appropriate committees.

Mr. Wilson asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 42) for the relief of Orlando Brown; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Wilson.

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Orlando Brown, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sherman asked and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring

in a bill (S. 43) supplementary to an act entitled "An act to provide a national currency secured by a pledge of United States bonds, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof," approved June 3, 1864; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Finance, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Trumbull asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 44) to amend the judicial system of the United States; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ferry asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 45) to incorporate the Washington Market Company; which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cole asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 46) to provide for the better security of lives of passengers on vessels propelled by steam; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ferry asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 47) for the relief of S. and H. Sayles; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Ferry,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of S. & H. Sayles, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Abbott asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 40) granting pensions to Eliza Shelton, Cerena Metcalf, Nancy King, Patsey J. Shelton, Sarah Metcalf, Cloa Shelton, and Mary Franklin and their children under the age of sixteen years; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Abbott,

Ordered, That the papers on the files of the Senate relating to the claim of Eliza Shelton and others, for pensions, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr Pomeroy,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Clara Moore on the files of the Senate be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Ramsey,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of M. Wright and others on the files of the Senate be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Morton asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 48) to refund to the States the interest and discount on money borrowed to equip, pay, supply and transport troops for the service of the United States in the recent war; which was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Cragin,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Allen Smith on the files of the Senate be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Patterson,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of J. M. Forbes on the files of the Senate be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Wilson asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 49) relating to freedmen's hospitals; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Ross asked, and by unanimous consent obtained. leave to bring in a bill (S. 50) to encourage the growth of forest trees; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Ross asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 51) authorizing the Secretary of War to pay certain certificates issued for fortification purposes in Lawrence, Kansas; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Ross asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 52) authorizing the appointment of a commissioner and the settlement of claims of citizens of Kansas; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Williams asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 53) to pay two companies of Oregon volunteers; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Pomeroy asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 54) for the further security of equal rights in the District of Columbia; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Pomeroy asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 55) granting the right of way and lands to the Pecos and Placer Mining and Ditch Company of New Mexico; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Harlan asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 2) for the relief of John E. Reeside; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. McDonald asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 3) in relation to establishing the boundary line between the State of Arkansas and the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. McDonald presented papers relative to the subject matter of the said resolution; which were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Morton asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 4) requiring parties desiring to be relieved from political disabilities to make application to Congress in writing, over their own signatures, setting forth the grounds upon which relief is asked, which shall be sworn to; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ross asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 5) authorizing the appointment of commissioners to examine the claims of citizens of Douglas, Johnson, and Miami counties, Kansas, for spoliations committed in what is known as the Quantrell raid, in August, 1863; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Pomeroy asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 6) enabling actual settlers to purchase certain lands obtained of the Cherokee Indians; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Robertson asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to

bring in a joint resolution (S. 7) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Davis,

Ordered, That the petition of the regents of Kentucky University, and the petition and papers of Mrs. Margaret Riddle, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

The Senate proceeded to consider as in Committee of the Whole the bill (S. 3) to enforce the 14th amendment to the Constitution, and the laws of the United States in the State, and to restore to that State the republican government elected under its new constitution; and

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Sumner,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 23) for the further security of equal rights in the District of Columbia; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Sumner,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 19) granting a pension to Mary Lincoln, widow of Abraham Lincoln, late President of the United States; and

On motion by Mr. Edmunds that the bill be referred to the Committee on Pensions,

After debate,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 31 / Nays..... 27

On motion by Mr. Sumner,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Bayard, Boreman, Carpenter, Cole, Conkling, Cragin, Davis, Edmunds, Fenton, Ferry, Fessenden, Grimes, Hamlin, Howe, McCreery, Morrill, Patterson, Pomeroy, Robertson, Ross, Sawyer, Schurz, Scott, Sherman, Sprague, Stockton, Tipton, Trumbull, Vickers, Willey, Williams.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Anthony, Brownlow, Buckingham, Cameron, Casserly, Corbett, Drake, Harlan, Harris, Howard, Kellogg, Morton, Norton, Nye, Osborn, Pool, Pratt, Ramsey, Rice, Stewart, Sumner, Thayer, Thurman, Warner, Wilson, Yates.

So it was

Ordered, That the said bill be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Harlan, on the 5th instant, relative to the appointment of a joint standing committee to consider all propositions relating to the Indian tribes; and

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said resolution be postponed to to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution, submitted yesterday by Mr. Robertson, relative to the appointment of a committee of nine on the removal of disabilities; and

On motion by Mr. Grimes

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Anthony submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved by the Senate, (the House of Representatives concurring,) That a joint special committee, consisting of four senators and four representatives, be appointed, to which shall be referred all applications for the removal of political disabilities imposed by the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the said resolution.

Mr. Kellogg submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of causing a light-ship to be placed at or near the mouth of the Savannah river, near a point known as the Oyster bed.

Under the order of the Senate of this day the bills heretofore introduced were referred as follows:

S. 1, S. 2, and S. 3, to the Committee on the Judiciary; S. 4, to the Committee on the Pacific Railroad; S. 5, to the Committee on Military Affairs; S. 6, to the Committee on Printing; S. 7, and S. 8, to the Committee on Public Lands; S. 9, to the Committee on Indian Affairs; S. 10, and S. 11, to the Committee on Public Lands; S. 12, S. 13, and S. 14, to the Committee on Commerce; S. 15, and S. 17, to the Committee on Finance; S. 16, to the Committee on Territories; S. 18, to the Committee on the Judiciary; S. 19, to the Committee on Pensions; S. 21, to the Committee on Finance; S. 22, to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads; S. 24, to the Committee on Naval Affairs; S. 26, to the Committee on Foreign Relations; S. 27, to the Committee on Commerce; S. 28 and S. 29, to the Committee on Public Lands; S. 30, to the Committee on Indian Affairs; S. 31, to the Committee on the District of Columbia; S. 32, to the Committee on Commerce; S. 33 and S. 34, to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate proceeded, at 1 o'clock, agreeably to its resolution of the 5th instant, to the election of a Chaplain for the 41st Congress.

Mr. Sumner nominated the Rev. William Withington;

Mr. Cameron nominated the Rev. Dr. Newman;

Mr. Vickers nominated the Rev. L. W. Bates;

Mr. Morrill nominated the Rev. E. H. Gray;

Mr. Trumbull nominated the Rev. Mr. Chester;

Mr. McCreery nominated the Rev. W. Logan Nourse.

The Senate then proceeded to ballot; and

Upon counting the ballots it appeared that there were cast.. 61 votes.

Necessary to a choice..... 31 votes.

No person having received a majority of the votes cast,

The Senate again proceeded to ballot; and

Upon counting the ballots it appeared that there were cast, 61 votes.

Necessary to a choice..... 31 votes.

The Rev. Dr. Newman having received a majority of the whole number of ballots, he was declared duly elected Chaplain to the Senate for the 41st Congress.

On motion by Mr. Grimes, at half past 1 o'clock p. m., that the Senate adjourn,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 35 / Nays..... 27

On motion by Mr. Sherman,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Bayard, Boreman, Cameron, Carpenter, Casserly, Chandler, Edmunds, Fenton, Fessenden, Fowler, Gilbert, Grimes, Hamlin, Harris, Howard, Howe, Kellogg, McCreery, McDonald, Norton, Patterson, Pomeroy, Pratt, Ramsey, Rice, Scott, Spencer, Stockton, Sumner, Thurman, Tipton, Trumbull, Vickers, Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Brownlow, Buckingham, Cattell, Cole, Conkling, Corbett, Cragin, Davis, Drake, Ferry, Harlan, Morrill, Morton, Osborn, Pool, Robertson, Ross, Sawyer, Schurz, Sherman, Sprague, Stewart, Thayer, Willey, Williams, Wilson.

So the motion was agreed to; and

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1869.

Mr. Fessenden presented the petition of James Freeman, praying the passage of a law for his protection against an oyster tonnage tax illegally imposed by the State of Virginia; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Fessenden presented the petition of Nancy True, praying an increase of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Sumner presented the petition of Dennis McCarthy, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Sumner presented the petition of Charles A. Russell, of Texas, praying to be relieved from political disabilities;

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Sumner presented a resolution of the legislature of Massachusetts in favor of the passage of a bill to establish a line of American steamships between the United States and Europe;

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce and be printed.

On motion by Mr. Sumner,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of the claimants under the treaty between the United States and Venezuela, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations; and

That the petition and papers of William Grosch, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Fenton presented the petition of James Sims, of Grenada, Mississippi, praying to be relieved from political disabilities;

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Fenton presented the petition of John Clapton, praying to be relieved from political disabilities;

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Fenton presented the petition of W. W. Potter, coroner of the District of Columbia, praying that the duties and powers of the coroner for the District of Columbia may be defined by law; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Trumbull presented the petition of Jacob Deck, praying the removal of his political disabilities;

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Trumbull presented the petition of Lenora Marshall, praying that a pension be granted her, on account of the services of her ancestor, Thomas Hoyt, in the revolutionary war; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Trumbull presented the petition of Alfred Herris, praying the removal of his political disabilities;

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Scott presented the petition of Christian Sharps, of Philadelphia, praying for a further extension of the patent for Sharps' breech-loading rifle; which was referred to Committee on Patents.

Mr. Scott presented the petition of surviving soldiers of the war of 1812 resident in the city of Allentown, Pennsylvania, praying to be allowed pensions; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Hamlin presented a petition of captains and owners of vessels, praying to be relieved from the exaction of a tonnage tax illegally imposed by certain towns and States; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Cameron presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying an amendment to the Constitution of the United States recognizing the obligations of the Christian religion; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Pratt presented a memorial of citizens of Indiana, praying that a new judicial district be established in said State, to be called the northern district of Indiana; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Pratt presented a resolution of the legislature of Indiana, in favor of the payment of the claim of Mary Burress for services rendered by her son, William Burress, deceased, in the quartermasters' department; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Willey,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Horace Tyler, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Anthony,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Archibald C. Creery, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion by Mr. Hamlin,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Wylly Woodbridge, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Cole,

Ordered, That the following petitions, with the accompanying papers, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims:

The petition of J. M. Best;

The petition of Martha A. Estill;

The petition of Pablo de la Toba;

The petition of Redick McKee.

On motion by Mr. Norton,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Joseph R. Brown, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Howe,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of R. B. Williamson, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Trumbull,

Ordered, That the credentials of Joshua Hill and H. V. M. Miller, senators elect from the State of Georgia, on the files of the Senate, with the accompanying papers, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Howe,

Ordered, That the following petitions, with the accompanying papers, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims:

The petition of Charles and Henry W. Spencer;
The petition of J. W. Medbury;
The petition of N. Daniels.

On motion by Mr. Ramsey,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of David McCauley, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs; that the petitions and papers of Clement Wette and of Antoinette Darling, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs; and that the petition and papers of Bernard K. Knowlton, and the memorial and papers of D. B. Allen & Co., on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Finance, reported a bill (S. 56) to strengthen the public credit, and relating to contracts for the payment of coin; which was read and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Chandler, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 12) to authorize the New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company to land its submarine cable upon the shores of the United States, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Chandler, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 32) to prevent the extermination of fur-bearing animals in Alaska, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Sherman, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 43) supplementary to an act entitled "An act to provide a national currency secured by a pledge of United States bonds, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof," approved June 3, 1864, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Osborn asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 57) granting the public lands to aid in constructing a steamboat canal in the State of Florida; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ramsey asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 58) to authorize the construction of bridges over the Mississippi and Missouri rivers; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Nye asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 59) for the relief of Jordan & McPike; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Grimes asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 60) legalizing the stamping of certain subscription papers executed and issued to the Iowa Northern Central Railroad Company; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sumner asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 61) to secure the copyright of paintings, drawings, statuary, and models; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous

consent, referred to the Committee on Patents, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Patterson asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 62) to incorporate the National Junction Railway Company; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sprague asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 63) to incorporate the Island City Harbor Company; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stewart asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 64) to legalize certain land locations; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Howe asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 65) granting lands to the State of Wisconsin to aid in the construction of a breakwater, and harbor, and ship canal, at the head of Sturgeon bay, in the county of Door, in said State, to connect the waters of Green bay and Lake Michigan, in said State; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Vickers asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 66) to amend the usury laws of the District of Columbia; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Vickers asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 67) to arch Tiber creek north of Pennsylvania avenue; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Vickers asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 68) to incorporate the Masonic Mutual Relief Association of the District of Columbia; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Vickers asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 69) supplementary to the act incorporating the Newsboys' Home, and providing for the relief of certain minor children in the District of Columbia; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Vickers asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 70) to incorporate the District of Columbia Concrete Stone Company; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Sherman asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 71) to facilitate the settlement of accounts of disbursing officers of the quartermasters' department; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Howe asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 72) granting lands to the State of Wisconsin to aid in the construction of the Green Bay and Lake Pepin railway; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Ramsey asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 73) for the relief of the trustees of Albert G. Sloo; which

was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ramsey asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 74) to encourage and facilitate telegraphic communication with Europe; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Trumbull asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 75) regulating the rights of property of married women in the District of Columbia; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Trumbull asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 76) concerning divorces in the District of Columbia; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Corbett asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 77) for the preservation of the harbors and navigable rivers of the United States against encroachments; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fenton asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 79) to further define the nature and extent of the duties and powers of the coroner of the District of Columbia, and prescribing his fees and the manner of collecting the same; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Morton asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 80) to punish the collection of illegal taxes on passengers; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sprague, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Margaret Riddle, reported a bill (S. 81) for the benefit of Margaret Riddle, widow and executrix of George Read Riddle, deceased; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and,

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Sumner asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 82) to pay Charles Weile for services performed as consul at Tumbez, Peru; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

On motion by Mr. Sumner,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Charles Weile, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

On motion by Mr. Sherman to discharge the Committee on the Judiciary from the further consideration of the bill (S. 1) to repeal an act to regulate the tenure of certain civil offices,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the motion be postponed to to-morrow.

Mr. Wilson asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 78) to relinquish the interest of the United States in certain lands to the city and county of San Francisco; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Rice,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Blanton Duncan, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Ross asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 8) for the relief of settlers upon the absentee Shawnee lands in Kansas; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Morton asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 9) granting the right of way to the Memphis, El Paso, and Pacific Railroad Company, from El Paso to the Pacific ocean; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wilson asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 10) directing the Secretary of War to sell Bergen Heights arsenal; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Howe asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 11) extending the time to construct a railroad from the Saint Croix river or lake to the west end of Lake Superior, and to Bayfield; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Pomeroy asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 12) authorizing the sale of a portion of the Fort Leavenworth military reservation to the Kansas Agricultural and Mechanical Association, of Leavenworth county, for fair grounds in the State of Kansas; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred, with the papers relating thereto on the files of the Senate, to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Morton asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 13) to prohibit sales of gold belonging to the treasury of the United States; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by General Porter, his Secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit to the Senate, in compliance with its resolution of the 5th instant, a report from the Secretary of State, communicating a list of the public and private acts and resolutions passed at the third session of the fortieth Congress, which have become laws either by approval or otherwise.

U. S. GRANT.

WASHINGTON, *March* 9, 1869.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by General Porter, his Secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I have the honor to request to be permitted to withdraw from the Senate of the United States my message of the 6th instant, requesting the passage of a joint resolution of the two houses of Congress to relieve

the Secretary of the Treasury from the disabilities imposed by section 8 of the act of Congress approved September 2, 1789.

U. S. GRANT.

WASHINGTON, *March* 9, 1869.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the same; and

On motion by Mr. Sprague,

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to return to the President of the United States his message to the Senate of the 6th instant, as requested by his message of this date.

On motion by Mr. Sumner, at 1½ o'clock p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 1869.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the following resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That a Joint Select Committee on Retrenchment, consisting of four members of the Senate and seven members of the House, be appointed by the presiding officers of the two houses, with the same powers and duties as were conferred upon the Select Committee on Retrenchment in the thirty-ninth and fortieth Congresses, and to which all matters yet remaining undisposed of, which were referred to the Committee on Retrenchment of the fortieth Congress, shall be referred.

The House of Representatives has passed a bill (H. R. 3) to repeal an act regulating the tenure of certain civil offices; and a joint resolution (H. R. 1) to supply an omission in the enrolment of an act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the government for the year ending June 30, 1870, and for other purposes, approved March 3, 1869; in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution of the House of Representatves for the appointment of a Joint Select Committee on Retrenchment; and

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The bill H. R. 3 and the joint resolution H. R. 1 were severally read the first and second times by unanimous consent.

Mr. Grimes presented the petition of Sarah M. Dove, widow of Benjamin M. Dove, a deceased naval officer, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Edmunds presented the petition of Henry Reens, praying an increase of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Edmunds presented the petition of James B. Royce, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Sumner presented the petition of James B. Good, praying the removal of his political disabilities.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Sumner presented resolutions of the republican State central committee of Virginia, in favor of conferring upon the military commander of that department the power to appoint colored persons to office; which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sprague presented the petition of Jane D. Mumford, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Harlan presented the petition of Hiram W. Love, of Johnson county, Iowa, praying compensation for the destruction of a certain cotton crop by the military forces of the United States, at the mouth of White river, in the State of Arkansas, in the year 1864; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Harlan presented the memorial of William McGarrahan, praying that a patent be issued to him for a portion of the land called the "Rancho Panoche Grande," in accordance with the confirmation by the United States district court for the southern district of California and the survey now on file in the General Land Office; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Hamlin presented the memorial of the European and North American Railway Company, praying aid in the construction of a railroad from Bangor, Maine, to the eastern boundary of said State; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

On motion by Mr. Fessenden,

Ordered, That O. N. Cutler have leave to withdraw his petition and papers on the files of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Willey,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of loyal citizens of Loudon county, Virginia, and the petition and papers of James Kelly, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Howard,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of William Chinn, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of L. Merchant & Co., and the petition and papers of Richard Cruikshank, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Pratt,

Ordered, That Minerva Lewis have leave to withdraw her petition and papers on the files of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Howe,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of George F. Brott, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Abbott, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 42) for the relief of Orlando Brown, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 1) thereon.

Mr. Kellogg, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill (S. 83) to define the limits of the collection district of the Teche, in the State of Louisiana, and for other purposes; which was read and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Fowler presented the petition of Archelaus M. Hughes, jr., praying to be relieved from his political disabilities.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Sumner asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 84) to carry into effect the decree of the district court of the United States for the southern district of New York in the case of the British steamer Labuan; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Sumner asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 85) to carry into effect the two several decrees of the district court of the United States for the district of Louisiana in the cases of the British vessels Volant and Science; which was read the first and

second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Sumner asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 86) to carry into effect the decree of the district court of the United States for the district of Louisiana, in the case of the British schooner Flying Scud and her cargo; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Sumner asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 87) to carry into effect the decree of the district court of the United States for the district of Louisiana, in the case of the British brig Dashing Wave and her cargo; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Sumner asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 88) to carry into effect the decree of the district court of the United States for the southern district of New York, in the case of the English schooner Sibyl and her cargo; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Sumner asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 89) to incorporate the Uniontown and Washington City Railroad Company, in the District of Columbia; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Harris asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 90) to provide for the paving of Pennsylvania avenue; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Vickers asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 91) to incorporate sundry churches, religious societies, and congregations in the District of Columbia; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Willey asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 92) in addition to an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Washington and Alexandria and Georgetown Steam Packet Company;" which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Howe asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 93) legalizing certain locations of agricultural college scrip therein designated; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Williams asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 94) to amend an act entitled "An act granting lands to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Central Pacific railroad, in California, to Portland, in Oregon," approved July 25, 1866; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Rice asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 95) for the sale of the Hot Springs reservation in Arkansas; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carpenter asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to

bring in a bill (S. 96) in addition to "An act to provide for holding the courts of the United States in case of the sickness or other disability of the judges of the district courts," approved July 29, 1850; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Trumbull asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 97) to fix the salary of the bailiff of the Court of Claims; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Wilson asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 98) to authorize the appointment of a board of commissioners to examine the claims of loyal persons in the States lately in rebellion for supplies furnished the military forces of the United States; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abbott asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 99) to pay loyal citizens in the States lately in rebellion for services in taking the census of 1860; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abbott asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 100) to provide for the payment of claims to loyal citizens of the States lately in rebellion; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. McDonald asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 101) to provide levees to secure the lowlands of Arkansas and Missouri from inundation, and to encourage the settlement and cultivation thereof; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bayard asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 102) for the relief of the daughters of General Charles F. Smith, deceased; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Corbett asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 103) to establish additional national banks secured by United States bonds, and to secure the redemption of their circulation in coin; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Finance, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ferry asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 14) amendatory of a joint resolution respecting the provisional governments of Virginia and Texas, passed at the 3d session of the 40th Congress; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carpenter asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 15) giving construction to the acts of Congress granting lands to the State of Wisconsin to aid in building railroads; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Vickers asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 16) for the relief of Benjamin Cooley and James W. Boswell; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

The Vice-President appointed Mr. Patterson a director, on the part of the Senate, of the Columbia Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, under the second section of the act of July 27, 1868.

On motion by Mr. Patterson,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence, for the appointment of a Joint Select Committee on Retrenchment; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Patterson, by striking out in the 3d line the word "four," and inserting the word *three;* and by striking out in the 4th line the word "seven," and inserting the word *three,*

The resolution as amended was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Edmunds submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to communicate any information existing in his department relating to the military importance of the island of San Juan, in Washington Territory.

Mr. Morton submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Select Committee on the Revision of the Rules:

Resolved, That the 25th rule of the Senate be so amended as to dispense with one day's notice of a motion to bring in a bill or joint resolution.

Mr. Ramsey submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate:

Resolved, That there be paid to Thomas W. Phipps, from the contingent fund of the Senate, his salary as messenger, acting assistant doorkeeper of the Senate, from the first day of May, 1867, up to the present time, deducting therefrom the amount received by him during that time.

Mr. Grimes submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved by the Senate, (the House of Representatives concurring,) That the concurrent resolution of the two houses passed at the 3d session of the 40th Congress, for the appointment at the 1st session of the 41st Congress of a joint committee to examine and report upon the expediency of reorganizing the civil service of the United States, be, and the same is hereby, rescinded.

Mr. Anthony submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to communicate to the Senate, for the purpose of being printed for use, a statistical statement prepared in the Treasury Department, being "A compilation of statistical, historical, and financial matter, referring solely to this government, and compiled from its records, from its organization to the present period."

Mr. Anthony submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

Resolved, That one thousand copies be printed for the use of the Senate, and two thousand for distribution by the General Land Office, of the Annual Report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office for the year 1868, with the accompanying maps and illustrations.

On motion by Mr. Thayer,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 3) to repeal an act regulating the tenure of certain civil offices; and,

On motion by Mr. Trumbull that the bill be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary,

After debate,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 34 / Nays 25

On motion by Mr. Grimes,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Anthony, Brownlow, Buckingham, Carpenter, Cattell, Chandler, Conkling, Cragin, Drake, Edmunds, Ferry, Gilbert, Hamlin, Harris, Howard, Howe, Morrill, Norton, Nye, Patterson, Pomeroy, Ramsey, Rice, Sawyer, Schurz, Scott, Stewart, Sumner, Tipton, Trumbull, Williams, Wilson, Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bayard, Boreman, Cameron, Casserly, Corbett, Davis, Fenton, Fessenden, Fowler, Grimes, McCreery, McDonald, Morton, Pool, Pratt, Robertson, Ross, Sherman, Spencer, Sprague, Stockton, Thayer, Thurman, Vickers, Warner.

So it was

Ordered, That the bill be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Sherman that the Vice-President appoint the committee on the part of the Senate, authorized by the resolution for the appointment of a joint select committee to examine and report on the reorganization of the civil service passed at the last session,

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Williams that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill (S. 56) to strengthen the public credit, and relating to contracts for the payment of coin,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 36 / Nays 18

On motion by Mr. Norton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Buckingham, Cameron, Carpenter, Cattell, Chandler, Conkling, Corbett, Cragin, Edmunds, Fenton, Ferry, Fessenden, Grimes, Hamlin, Harris, Howe, Kellogg, Morrill, Nye, Osborn, Patterson, Pool, Sawyer, Schurz, Scott, Sherman, Stewart, Sumner, Thayer, Tipton, Trumbull, Warner, Willey, Williams, Wilson, Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bayard, Boreman, Brownlow, Casserly, Davis, Fowler, Gilbert, McCreery, Norton, Pratt, Rice, Robertson, Ross, Spencer, Sprague, Stockton, Thurman, Vickers.

So the motion was agreed to, and the Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and,

On motion by Mr. Anthony,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1869.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a resolution of the legislature of North Carolina, ratifying the fifteenth article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Sumner presented a petition of citizens of Texas, praying the establishment of a temporary government in that State; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Conkling presented the petition of David J. Millard, praying payment of a balance due to him on a contract with the government for the manufacture of sabres; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Corbett presented the petition of B. F. Dowell and others, praying payment for the services of two companies of Oregon volunteers, employed in suppressing Indian hostilities in 1854; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Ramsey presented the memorial of Oliver Evans Wood, suggesting a plan for the safe delivery of letters; which was referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Howard presented a memorial of the legislature of Michigan, in favor of the erection of a light-house at the mouth of the Manistee river in that State.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Howard presented a resolution of the legislature of Michigan, in favor of an appropriation for the deepening of the Ste. Mary's Falls ship-canal.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Wilson presented two petitions of citizens of Massachusetts, praying that a reciprocity treaty be made with the Dominion of Canada and the British Provinces in North America; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Ramsey presented the petition of George Wright, praying remuneration for the use of his patent linchpin, adopted by the War Department; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Nye presented the petition of J. Warren Hutt, praying the removal of his political disabilities.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Howe presented the memorial of George Catlin, representing that he is the author of a work on Indian life, manners, and history, and praying the purchase by the government of a sufficient number of copies to place one in each public library or institution in which Mr. Schoolcraft's work has been placed; which was referred to the Committee on the Library.

On motion by Mr. Howe,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Isaiah Walker, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Patterson,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of James Travers, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Fenton,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Horace Emery, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Howe, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 47) for the relief of S. and H. Sayles, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report thereon, (No. 2.)

Mr. Grimes, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 24) for the reorganization of the navy of the United States, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 8) for the relief of settlers upon the absentee Shawnee lands in Kansas, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Corbett, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 46) to provide for the better security of the lives of passengers on board of vessels propelled by steam, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Chandler, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 77) for the preservation of the harbors and navigable rivers of the United States against encroachments, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Wilson asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 104) to grant two million acres of public lands for the benefit of public schools in the District of Columbia; whichwas read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wilson asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 105) for the removal of certain disabilities from the persons therein named; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ramsey asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 106) authorizing the Southern Minnesota Railroad Company to connect their line with the Northern Pacific railroad; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Williams asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 107) to extend to the mouth of the Columbia river the land grant heretofore made for a railroad in Oregon; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Pool asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 108) for the improvement of the postal service by dispensing with the test oath at certain offices; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Pomeroy asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 109) to revive the grant of lands to aid in the construction of a railroad from Selma to Gadsden, in the State of Alabama, and to confirm the same to the Selma, Rome and Dalton Railroad Company; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Pomeroy asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 110) for the improvement of the Kansas river, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Corbett asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 111) to establish a Department of Indian Affairs; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Corbett asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 112) to aid in the construction of the Oregon Branch Pacific railroad; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cole asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 113) to encourage, facilitate, and establish international telegraphic communication; which was read the first and second times, by

unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ferry asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 114) to enforce the fourteenth article of amendment of the Constitution of the United States; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sumner asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 115) relating to telegraphic communication between the United States and foreign countries; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Wilson asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 17) authorizing the sale of the Chattanooga rolling-mill property, at Chattanooga, Tennessee, to the Southwestern Iron Company; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wilson presented a letter from the Secretary of War, relative to the sale of the Chattanooga rolling-mill; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Carpenter asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 18) for the relief of William B. Whiting, a captain, formerly a commander in the navy of the United States; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Pomeroy asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 19) enabling actual settlers to purchase certain lands of the Great and Little Osage Indians; which was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Williams asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 20) in relation to light-houses on the coast of Oregon; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Harlan,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (H. R. 1) to supply an omission in the enrolment of the "Act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the government for the year ending June 30, 1870, and for other purposes," approved March 3, 1869; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Morton submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to inform the Senate, if compatible with the public interest, whether the government of Venezuela has paid the first instalment due to American citizens under the award recently made by the mixed commission of the two governments.

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened.

On motion by Mr. Williams,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 56) to strengthen the public credit and relating to contracts for the payment of coin, and the second section of the bill having been amended, on the motion of Mr. Howard, by inserting the word *written* before the word "contract" in the first line,

On motion by Mr. Ramsey that the further consideration of the bill be postponed to to-morrow for the purpose of enabling him to submit a motion,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 29 / Nays..... 25

On motion by Mr. Conkling,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Bayard, Boreman, Carpenter, Casserly, Chandler, Cragin, Fenton, Harris, Howard, Howe, McCreery, Norton, Pomeroy, Pool, Pratt, Ramsey, Robertson, Ross, Sawyer, Scott, Spencer, Sprague, Stockton, Sumner, Thurman, Tipton, Trumbull, Vickers, Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Brownlow, Cattell, Cole, Conkling, Corbett, Drake, Edmunds, Ferry, Fessenden, Gilbert, Grimes, Hamlin, Harlan, Kellogg, McDonald, Morrill, Morton, Osborn, Rice, Sherman, Thayer, Warner, Willey, Williams.

So the motion was agreed to; and

On motion by Mr. Ramsey,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 56) to strengthen the public credit and relating to contracts for the payment of coin.

On motion by Mr. Sumner further to amend the bill by striking out the second section, which is as follows:

"SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That any written contract hereafter made specifically payable in coin, and the consideration of which may be a loan of coin, or a sale of property, or the rendering of labor or service of any kind, the price of which as carried into the contract may have been adjusted on the basis of the coin value thereof at the time of such sale or the rendering of such service or labor, shall be legal and valid and may be enforced according to its terms;"

After debate,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 28 / Nays..... 15

On motion by Mr. Sumner,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Bayard, Boreman, Carpenter, Casserly, Conkling, Corbett, Cragin, Ferry, Fessenden, Gilbert, Harris, Kellogg, McDonald, Norton, Nye, Pratt, Robertson, Sawyer, Schurz, Scott, Sprague, Stewart, Stockton, Sumner, Thurman, Trumbull, Vickers, Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Anthony, Brownlow, Drake, Grimes, Hamlin, Morrill, Morton, Osborn, Patterson, Ramsey, Ross, Sherman, Warner, Williams.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Thurman further to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the first section the following proviso:

Provided, That nothing herein contained shall apply to the obligations commonly called five-twenty bonds,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 12 / Nays 31

On motion by Mr. Thurman,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Bayard, Boreman, Casserly, Morton, Norton, Osborn, Pratt, Ross, Sprague, Stockton, Thurman, Vickers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Anthony, Brownlow, Carpenter, Conkling, Corbett, Cragin, Drake, Fenton, Ferry, Gilbert, Grimes, Hamlin, Harris, Kellogg, McDonald, Morrill, Nye, Patterson, Ramsey, Sawyer, Schurz, Scott, Sherman, Stewart, Sumner, Tipton, Trumbull, Warner, Williams, Wilson.

So the amendment was not agreed to; and

Pending the consideration of the bill Mr. Grimes asked, and obtained the unanimous consent of the Senate, to submit a motion that the Senate reconsider its vote agreeing to the motion that when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next; and

On the question to agree to the motion,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 23 / Nays 27

On motion by Mr. Morton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Brownlow, Cattell, Cole, Corbett, Cragin, Drake, Ferry, Fessenden, Grimes, Hamlin, Kellogg, Morrill, Morton, Patterson, Pratt, Sherman, Stewart, Thayer, Warner, Willey, Williams, Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Bayard, Boreman, Carpenter, Casserly, Fenton, Gilbert, Harris, Howard, Howe, McCreery, McDonald, Norton, Pomeroy, Ramsey, Robertson, Sawyer, Scott, Spencer, Sprague, Stockton, Sumner, Thurman, Tipton, Trumbull, Vickers, Yates.

So the motion of Mr. Grimes was not agreed to; and

On motion by Mr. Morton further to amend the bill in the first section by striking out in lines 12 and 13 the words, " authorizing the issue of any such obligation,"

After debate,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 14 / Nays 32

On motion by Mr. Morton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Bayard, Brownlow, Casserly, Morton, Norton, Pomeroy, Pratt, Robertson, Ross, Spencer, Sprague, Stockton, Thurman, Vickers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Anthony, Boreman, Carpenter, Cattell, Corbett, Cragin, Drake, Fenton, Ferry, Fessenden, Gilbert, Grimes, Hamlin, Howard, Howe, Morrill, Patterson, Ramsey, Sawyer, Schurz, Scott, Sherman, Stewart, Sumner, Thayer, Tipton, Warner, Willey, Williams, Wilson, Yates.

So Mr. Morton's amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Sprague, at 4 o'clock p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, MARCH 15, 1869.

Mr. Ferry presented the memorial of Hugh W. Sheffy, praying the removal of his political disabilities.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Nye presented the petition of William R. Dozier, praying the removal of his political disabilities.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Nye presented the petition of Robert L. Reynolds, praying the removal of his political disabilities.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Nye presented a resolution of the legislature of Nevada, in favor of the establishment of a mail route from Belmont to Aurora in said State; which was referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Hamlin presented a resolution of the boards of aldermen and common council of the city of Georgetown, asking an appropriation for the completion of the Washington aqueduct; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Fessenden presented the petition of Matthew Deatley, praying protection by Congress from the assessment of the oyster tonnage tax, illegally imposed by the State of Virginia; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Conkling presented the petition of Catherine Boushett, praying the extension of a patent for an improvement in railroad car wheels, granted to her husband, November 13, 1849; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Fenton presented a petition of citizens of the United States, praying an amendment to the Constitution of the United States recognizing the obligations of the Christian religion; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Conkling presented the memorial of the New York and Antwerp Mail Steamship Company, praying that American steamships employed in carrying the mails may be released from the payment of all dues payable to the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sawyer presented the petition of James O. Ladd, praying an increase of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Trumbull, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the following bills and joint resolution, reported them without amendment, with a recommendation that they be postponed indefinitely:

S. 1. A bill to repeal an act regulating the tenure of certain civil offices.

S. 33. A bill to repeal a part of the 8th section of the "Act to establish the Treasury Department," approved September 2, 1789.

S. 34. A bill relating to the Secretary of the Treasury.

S. 7. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bills and joint resolution as in Committee of the Whole: and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Trumbull,

Resolved, That the said bills and joint resolution be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Trumbull, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the following bills, reported them severally with an amendment to each:

S. 44. A bill to amend the judicial system of the United States.

S. 75. A bill regulating the rights of property of married women in the District of Columbia.

S. 114. A bill to enforce the 14th article of amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

H. R. 3. An act to repeal "An act regulating the tenure of certain civil offices."

Mr. Trumbull, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the following bill and joint resolution, reported them severally without amendment:

S. 76. A bill concerning divorces in the District of Columbia.

S. 14. A joint resolution amendatory of a joint resolution respecting the provisional governments of Virginia and Texas, passed at the 3d session of the 40th Congress.

Mr. Morrill, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, reported a joint resolution (S. 21) authorizing the removal of the public stables, steam saw-mill, and other buildings from the Capitol grounds; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Warner, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 11) to renew certain grants of land to the State of Alabama, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Nye asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 22) relative to consular fees; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Nye presented papers relative to the subject-matter of the said resolution.

Mr. Cragin asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 116) to allow deputy collectors and assessors of internal revenue, acting as collectors and assessors, the pay of collectors and assessors; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Finance, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Corbett asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 117) to encourage and facilitate telegraphic communication between the eastern and western continents; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Willey asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 118) to amend an act entitled "An act making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the government for the year ending 30th of June, 1870;" which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Patents, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Willey asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 119) providing for the formation of corporations and regulating the same in the District of Columbia; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kellogg asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 120) to incorporate the Southern Express Company; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kellogg asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 121) to guarantee the payment of certain bonds to be issued under the authority of the governments of the States of Louisiana, Arkansas, and Mississippi, for the purpose of building and repairing the levees in said States; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kellogg presented a letter of the Secretary of War, transmitting a report of the Chief of Engineers relative to the subject-matter of the said bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Kellogg asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 122) confirming a charter granted by the legislature of the State of Louisiana for the purpose of connecting the Mississippi river with Lake Borgne by means of a canal, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kellogg asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 123) granting the right of way to the Pacific Central Transit railway and telegraph from the city of New Orleans, Louisiana, to some point on the Grande river, Texas, in the direction of Mazatlan on the Pacific coast; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ramsey asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 124) granting lands in the State of Minnesota to aid in constructing a railroad from Lake Superior to Vermilion lake, in said State; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cole asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 125) granting lands to aid in the construction of a canal or canals for irrigating purposes in the State of California; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cole asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 126) granting lands to aid in the construction of the Oroville and Virginia City railroad; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fenton asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 127) relating to telegraphic communication between the United States and foreign countries; which was read the first and second

times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fenton asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 128) for the relief of Mrs. Jane Northridge; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sawyer asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 129) for the relief of Simon Gerstmann; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Conkling asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 130) to encourage the building of steamships in the United States; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Fowler asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 131) for the relief of James H. Willis, of Greenville, Tennessee; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Fowler asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 132) for the relief of Cowan and Dickinson, of Knoxville, Tennessee; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Ramsey asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 23) for setting apart a portion of the Fort Snelling military reservation for a permanent military post, and the settlement of all claims in relation thereto; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kellogg asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 24) for the disposal of the public lands in the States of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Florida; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carpenter asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 25) for the relief of Helen Lincoln and Heloise Lincoln, and for the withholding of moneys from tribes of Indians holding American captives; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Pratt asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 26) relating to the Interior Department; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Nye,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Samuel A. Bishop on the files of the Senate be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Ross, at his request, was excused from further service on the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

On motion by Mr. Patterson,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Grimes on the 10th instant to rescind the concurrent resolution passed at the third session of the fortieth Congress relative to the reorganization of the civil service of the United States, and the resolution was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the said resolution.

Mr. Cragin submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, (the House of Representatives concurring,) That the Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate, and the Committee on Accounts, of the House of Representatives, be a joint committee for the purpose of perfecting and reporting a bill or bills defining the number, duties, and compensation of the employés of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the resolution.

On motion by Mr. Grimes,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 24) to reorganize the navy of the United States; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Naval Affairs having been agreed to in part,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed to to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed a bill (H. R. 7) to strengthen the public credit, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate; and

It has passed the two following resolutions, in which also it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

Resolved by the House of Representatives, (the Senate concurring,) That a joint special committee on Indian affairs, consisting of nine members, three from the Senate and six from the House, be appointed, to whom shall be referred all matters relating to treaties with Indian tribes, payment of annuities and examination of claims referred to Congress from the Interior Department relating to Indians, with power to consider all questions arising under said treaties, and whether the same may be abrogated, annulled, or modified; and whether any further treaties shall be made with Indian tribes, and if any, under what restriction; and whether any and what revision of the several acts providing for the organization of the department of Indian affairs may be expedient or necessary; and also whether any and what further provision may be necessary for auditing accounts, examining vouchers presented in relation to feeding and caring for the Indians, and in what manner and to what extent they shall be subsisted, and what lands shall be reserved and set apart for them, and how the same may be secured by law to the use of the Indian tribes; and finally, to consider the expediency of determining by law what shall be the legal status of persons of Indian descent under the laws of the United States, and what course shall be taken towards them which shall best tend to their civilization, christianization, and ultimate citizenship; and to report thereon by bill or otherwise. Said committee shall have power to employ a clerk and examine witnesses, if necessary.

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate adjourn their respective houses of the forty-first Congress of the United States on the fourth Monday of March, instant, at 12 o'clock m., without day.

The Senate resumed as in Committee of the Whole the consideration of the bill (S. 56) to strengthen the public credit, and relating to contracts for the payment of coin; and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Sherman,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed to to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Sherman,

The bill (H. R. 7) to strengthen the public credit, last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made to the bill, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent; and

After debate,

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 42 / Nays 13

On motion by Mr. Davis,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Messrs. Abbott, Anthony, Boreman, Brownlow, Cameron, Cattell, Chandler, Conkling, Corbett, Cragin, Drake, Edmunds, Fenton, Ferry, Fessenden, Gilbert, Grimes, Harris, Howard, Kellogg, McDonald, Morrill, Nye, Patterson, Pool, Pratt, Ramsey, Robertson, Sawyer, Schurz, Scott, Sherman, Steward, Sumner, Thayer, Tipton, Trumbull, Warner, Willey, Williams, Wilson, Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Messrs. Bayard, Carpenter, Casserly, Cole, Davis, Morton, Osborn, Rice, Ross, Spencer, Stockton, Thurman, Vickers.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk.

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed a joint resolution (H. R. 6) for the protection of the interests of the United States in the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and for other purposes, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The above-mentioned resolution (H. R. 6) received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Pacific Railroad; and

After the consideration of executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1869.

The Vice-President presented resolutions of a meeting of naturalized German citizens of the city of New York, in favor of amending the naturalization laws; which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The resolution yesterday received from the House of Representatives for concurrence, for the adjournment of the two houses on Friday, March 29, was read.

On motion by Mr. Sumner,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The resolution yesterday received from the House of Representatives for concurrence, for the appointment of a joint special committee on Indian affairs, was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Wilson presented the petition of Appleton Gay; the petition of William C. Hooker; the petition of Joseph Boone; the petition of Charles L. S. Jones; and the petition of Lemuel C. Cartwright; praying the removal of their political disabilities.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Willey presented the petition of Hugh A. Glenn; the petition of C. E. Doddridge; the petition of Charles B. Bryant; the petition of William E. Wade; the petition of James B. Sever; the petition of J. A. Johnson; the petition of J. H. Stephenson; the petition of Adam H. Fleisher; the petition of John F. Wall; the petition of Muscoe Gannett; the petition of Reuben D. Hill; the petition of W. H. Hall; the petition of A. R. Ball; and the petition of Thomas P. Lewis; praying the removal of their political disabilities.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Spencer presented the petition of Thomas W. Price, praying the removal of his political disabilities.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Pomeroy presented the petition of John H. Stringfellow and the petition of R. S. Stringfellow, praying the removal of their political disabilities.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Scott presented the petition of soldiers and widows of soldiers of the war of 1812, praying that they be allowed pensions; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Wilson presented seven petitions of citizens of the United States, praying that the right of suffrage be granted to women; which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Ramsey presented a petition of citizens of the United States praying that the right of suffrage be granted to women; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Chandler presented resolutions of the legislature of Michigan in favor of granting the right of way and aid for the purpose of building a railroad from the shore of Green Bay or Bay de Noc, to the iron district in Menomonee county.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Public Lands and be printed.

Mr. Grimes presented a petition of citizens of Iowa, praying an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, recognizing the obligations of the Christian religion; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Harlan presented the memorial of Joseph Cameron, ordnance sergeant United States army, setting forth that he had served sixty-three years continuously in the army, and praying that his pay and emoluments be doubled from January 3, 1861, and his rank of ordnance sergeant continued; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Hamlin presented the petition of Matilda K. Page and others, praying indemnity for losses sustained by improvements in the Kennebec river at Hallowell, Maine; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Kellogg presented a petition of citizens of Louisiana, praying an appropriation for the removal of obstructions to the navigation of Bayou Teche; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Ferry presented the petition of John Young, praying an exten-

sion of his patent for improved washing and wringing machine; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Sherman presented a petition of citizens of the United States praying an amendment to the Constitution of the United States recognizing the obligations of the Christian religion; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Stockton presented the petition of Philip Stockton, praying the removal of his political disabilities.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Harris presented a petition of citizens of the District of Columbia, praying that the right of suffrage be granted to women in said District; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. McCreery presented the petition of P. L. Richeson; also the petition of W. Lindsay, praying the removal of their political disabilities.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Fenton presented the petition of Ward B. Burnett, praying compensation for services rendered and money expended in raising troops for the service of the United States in the year 1863; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Fenton presented the petition of John Hegemann, praying compensation for the use of his invention for pontoon bridges, used by the army during the late war; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Harlan,

Ordered, That the memorial and papers of John B. Earle, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims; and that the letter of the Secretary of the Interior, of January 28, communicating reports of the commissioners appointed to examine the claims of the Pottawatomie Indians, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Sumner, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom were referred the following bills, reported them severally without amendment:

S. 82. A bill to pay Charles Weile for services performed as consul at Tumbez, Peru.

S. 84. A bill to carry into effect the decree of the district court of the United States for the southern district of New York in the case of the British steamer Labuan.

S. 85. A bill to carry into effect the two several decrees of the district court of the United States for the district of Louisiana in the cases of the British vessels Volant and Science.

S. 86. A bill to carry into effect the decree of the district court of the United States for the district of Louisiana in the case of the British schooner Flying Scud and her cargo.

S. 87. A bill to carry into effect the decree of the district court of the United States for the district of Louisiana in the case of the British brig Dashing Wave and her cargo.

S. 88. A bill to carry into effect the decree of the district court of the United States for the southern district of New York in the case of the English schooner Sibyl and her cargo.

Mr. Sumner, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported a joint resolution (S. 27) authorizing Commander Charles H. Baldwin, United States navy, to accept a gold medal from the King of the Netherlands; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Sumner, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported a joint resolution (S. 28) authorizing Lieutenant Commander W. A. Kirkland, United States navy, to accept a gold medal from the Emperor of France; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Trumbull,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (S. 14) amendatory of a joint resolution respecting the provisional governments of Virginia and Texas passed at the third session of the fortieth Congress; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time:

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Hamlin asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 133) to incorporate the Washington General Hospital and Asylum of the District of Columbia; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Rice asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 134) to aid in the construction of the International Pacific railroad, from Cairo, Illinois, to the Rio Grande, to authorize the consolidation of certain railroad companies, and to provide homesteads for the laborers on their roads; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the Pacific Railroad, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ramsey asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 135) making a grant of land to the State of Minnesota to aid in securing the navigation of the Mississippi river, immediately above the Falls of St. Anthony; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ramsey asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 136) to establish a postal telegraph system and to incorporate the United States Postal Telegraph Company; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Howard asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 137) to grant lands to the Northern Michigan Railroad Company in extension of the Northern Pacific railroad; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the Pacific Railroad, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sherman asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 138) for the relief of Abbott Q. Ross; which was read the

first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Sherman presented papers relative to the claim of Albert Q. Ross for the use of his invention for extinguishing fires; which were referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Pool asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 139) for the relief of Catherine H. Crown, widow of the late Thomas Crown, deceased; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Spencer asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 140) to renew certain grants of land to the State of Alabama; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carpenter asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 141) to provide a remedy for the loss or destruction of judgment records or decrees appertaining to proceedings in the United States courts; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Williams asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 142) to perfect the title of Franklin Oliver, a soldier in the war of 1812, to certain lands which he claims to have covered by military warrants; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Pomeroy asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 143) to define the qualifications of voters in the Territory of Utah; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Drake asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 144) to create the office of surveyor general of the Territory of Wyoming, provide for the survey of the public lands therein, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Pomeroy asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 29) in relation to the Burlington and Missouri river railroad branch of the Union Pacific railroad; which was read the first and second times by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Sherman asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 30) to authorize the recognition of the independence of Cuba; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

On motion by Mr. Howe,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Colonel William Gates, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the following bills of the Senate:

S. 23. An act for the further security of equal rights in the District of Columbia;

S. 25. An act supplementary to an act entitled "An act to authorize the extension, construction, and use of a lateral branch of the Baltimore

and Potomac railroad into and within the District of Columbia," approved February 5, 1867; and

It has passed a bill (H. R. 124) to declare and fix the status of the corps of judge advocates of the army, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives has disagreed to the amendments of the Senate to the resolution of the House for the appointment of a Joint Committee on Retrenchment.

The bill (H. R. 124) last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider its amendments to the resolution of the House of Representatives for the appointment of a Joint Committee on Retrenchment, disagreed to by the House of Representatives; and

On motion by Mr. Patterson,

Resolved, That the Senate insist upon its amendments to the said resolution disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon.

Ordered, That the conferees on the part of the Senate be appointed by the Vice-President; and

The Vice-President appointed Mr. Patterson, Mr. Grimes, and Mr. Casserly.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by General Porter, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I invite the attention of Congress to the accompanying communication of this date, which I have received from the Secretary of the Interior.

U. S. GRANT.

WASHINGTON, *March* 15, 1869.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Pacific Railroad and be printed.

On motion by Mr. Grimes,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 24) to reorganize the navy of the United States; and the residue of the amendments reported by the Committee on Naval Affairs having been agreed to, and the bill further amended, it was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended to read "An act to reorganize the navy and marine corps of the United States."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, (H. R. 7,) I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Thayer reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (H. R. 7) to strengthen the public credit.

The Vice-President signed the enrolled bill (H. R. 7) last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Trumbull,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 3) to repeal "An act regulating the tenure of certain civil offices;" and the question being on the amendment reported by the Committee on the Judiciary,

After debate, and the consideration of executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1869.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Porter, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

In compliance with the resolution of the Senate of the 11th instant, asking if the first instalment due from the government of Venezuela pursuant to the convention of April 25, 1866, has been paid, I transmit a report from the Secretary of State, to whom the resolution was referred.

U. S. GRANT.

WASHINGTON, *March* 16, 1869.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations and be printed.

The Vice-President presented resolutions of the republican State convention of Georgia, in favor of the adoption of such measures as will secure to the people of that State a legal and loyal legislature, and restore the State to an equal position with the loyal States of the Union.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Conkling presented a petition of citizens of New York, in favor of the reduction of the tax on the class of cigars known in the trade as "cheroots;" which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Conkling presented a petition of citizens of New York, praying an amendment to the Constitution of the United States recognizing the obligations of the Christian religion; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sherman presented a petition of citizens of the United States, praying for a treaty of reciprocity with the British Provinces in North America; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Wilson presented the memorial of the New Jersey Woman Suffrage Association, praying that the right of suffrage be extended to women; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sumner presented the memorial of the commissioners elected by the reconstruction convention of the State of Texas, representing the condition of that State and the wants of its people, and praying legislation for their relief; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sumner presented the petition of Samuel Peirce, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Sumner,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Thomas B. Wales & Company, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Nye presented the memorial of John L. Lay and William W. W. Wood, praying compensation for the invention of the torpedo and apparatus used in the destruction of the rebel ram Albemarle; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Nye,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of John L. Lay and William W. W. Wood, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Rice,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Charles P. Redmond, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Abbott,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of citizens of Wilmington, North Carolina, praying an appropriation for building a post office, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads; and that the petition of citizens of Wilmington for an appropriation for deepening the Cape Fear river, and the memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of Wilmington, praying an appropriation for the same purpose, on the files of the Senate, with the accompanying papers, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Vickers presented resolutions of the Baltimore Board of Trade, in favor of the adoption of measures for securing the immunity of private property not contraband of war, at sea in time of war; of granting aid for rebuilding the levees of the Mississippi river; and against the extension of the fifty per cent. clause of the bankrupt law; which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Spencer,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of William B. Looney, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Spencer,

Ordered, That the two memorials of the legislature of Alabama, praying grants of lands to aid in the construction of certain railroads, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion by Mr. Stewart,

Ordered, That Margaret Doyle have leave to withdraw her petition and papers on the files of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Howe,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Ellen J. Brosman, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Chandler,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Lewis D. Smith, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Cameron presented the memorial of William Welsh, praying the adoption of measures for the protection of the commerce of the United States in the harbors of the island of Cuba; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Cameron presented the memorial of the Philadelphia Board of Marine Underwriters, praying that measures be taken for the preservation of the Absecom light-houses from the encroachments of the sea; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Cameron presented a petition of citizens of Philadelphia, praying that pensions be granted to the surviving soldiers of the war of 1812; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Trumbull, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3) to enforce the fourteenth amendment to the Con-

stitution of the United States in the State of Georgia, and to restore to that State the republican government elected under its new constitution, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Trumbull, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the credentials of Joshua Hill and H. V. M. Miller, elected senators by the legi lature of the State of Georgia, reported them back to the Senate, and moved that they lie on the table; which motion was agreed to.

Mr. Sumner, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred a letter of the Secretary of State, enclosing a transcript of a despatch from Mr. Harvey, minister resident of the United States at Lisbon, reported a joint resolution (S. 31) authorizing Lieutenant Commander Arthur A. Yates, Surgeon Albert L. Gihon, Passed Assistant Surgeon Charles H. White, and Assistant Surgeon Jerome H. Kidder, of the United States navy, to accept decorations from the King of Portugal in recognition of humane services; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Conkling asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 145) to promote the building of steamships in the United States, and to provide for the transportation of the United States mails between New York and Europe by steamships built in the United States; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Wilson asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 146) relating to the Freedmen's Bureau; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Spencer asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 147) granting a pension to William B. Looney, of Alabama; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Spencer asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 148) granting to the New Orleans, Mobile and Chattanooga Railroad Company the right of way through the public lands of the United States, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Osborn asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 149) granting land to aid in rebuilding the Pensacola and Louisville railroad; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Rice asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 150) providing a mode of settlement of certain claims; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cole asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 151) to further the administration of justice; which was read

the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Cole asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 152) to provide for the paving of Pennsylvania avenue; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ferry asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 153) to extend the letters patent originally granted to John Young; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Pomeroy asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 154) granting lands to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the southern boundary of the State of Kansas, to the Pacific ocean, with a branch to the southern boundary of the United States, in the direction of El Paso; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Morton asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 32) prescribing the mode of proceeding by State legislatures upon amendments to the Constitution proposed to them for ratification; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Williams,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (S. 20) in relation to light-houses on the coast of Oregon; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Chandler submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested, if not incompatible with the public interest, to communicate to the Senate a copy of the correspondence between James Buchanan, then President of the United States, and Lewis Cass, then Secretary of State, regarding the policy to be pursued to avert the war of rebellion then threatening—which correspondence led to the resignation of Mr. Cass.

Mr. Wilson submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to furnish to the Senate copies of contracts made and entered into between that department and Norman Wiard for the fabrication and delivery of ordnance or other arms, and copies of all correspondence in relation thereto, as well as copies of all applications for and papers in relation to other and additional contracts not entered into between said parties.

On motion by Mr. Chandler,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 12) to authorize the New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company to land its submarine cable upon the shores of the United States, and the bill having been amended on the motion of Mr. Stewart, and a further amendment being proposed by Mr. Stockton,

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed a joint resolution (H. R. 30) to supply omissions in the enrolment of certain appropriation acts, approved March 2, 1869, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed the two enrolled bills (S. 23 and S. 25) and an enrolled joint resolution, (H. R. 1,) I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Thayer reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills and joint resolutions:

S. 23. An act for the further security of equal rights in the District of Columbia.

S. 25. An act supplementary to an act entitled "An act to authorize the extension, construction, and use of a lateral branch of the Baltimore and Potomac railroad into and within the District of Columbia," approved February 5, 1867.

H. R. 1. Joint resolution to supply an omission in the enrolment of the act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the government for the year ending June 30, 1870, and for other purposes, approved March 3, 1869.

The Vice-President signed the two enrolled bills (S. 23 and S. 25) and the enrolled joint resolution (H. R. 1) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The joint resolution (H. R. 30) last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 3) to repeal "An act regulating the tenure of certain civil offices;" and the question being on the amendment reported by the Committee on the Judiciary, and

An amendment being proposed by Mr. Thayer to the amendment reported by the Committee on the Judiciary,

After debate, and the consideration of executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1869.

Mr. Thayer reported from the committee that they yesterday presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 23. An act for the further security of equal rights in the District of Columbia.

S. 25. An act supplementary to "An act to authorize the extension, construction, and use of a lateral branch of the Baltimore and Potomac railroad into and within the District of Columbia," approved February 5, 1867.

Mr. Pomeroy presented the memorial of J. W. Nye, praying compensation for services rendered and money expended for the benefit of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Pomeroy,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of J. W. Nye, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Edmunds presented a petition of citizens of Philadelphia, praying that pensions be granted to the surviving soldiers of the war of 1812, and

to the widows of such as have deceased; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Sumner presented the petition of William M. Meyers, praying that the Indians be instructed in the English language; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Sumner presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying an amendment to the Constitution of the United States recognizing the obligations of the Christian religion; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sumner presented the petition of Jean D. D. Rosset, praying that Congress pass a law providing for an international congress of republican nations; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Stewart presented the petition of Commodore S. B. Bissell, praying a modification of the 6th section of the act to amend the act to promote the efficiency of the navy, passed in 1858, so that he may receive the pay of a commander during the time that he was placed upon the retired list; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Wilson presented the petition of Dr. John B. Reed, praying compensation for improvements in projectiles for rifled ordnance; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Davis presented the petition of A. G. and B. P. Lee, praying compensation for property destroyed by the United States military forces in Paducah, Kentucky; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Osborn presented the petition of John Chain, praying the removal of his political disabilities.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Conkling presented a resolution of the executive committee of the State council of the Union League of America for the State of New York, praying that the power of conferring naturalization be taken from the State courts and be under the control of the general government; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Nye presented the petition of John I. Hildreth, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Sumner,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Thomas Niles, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Howe,

Ordered, That W. A. Griffin have leave to withdraw his petition and papers on the files of the Senate.

Mr. Hamlin, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 133) to incorporate the Washington General Hospital and Asylum of the District of Columbia, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

he said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Davis, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was recommitted the bill (S. 81) for the benefit of Margaret Riddle, widow and executrix of George Read Riddle, deceased, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 17) authorizing the sale of the Chatta-

nooga rolling-mill property at Chattanooga, Tennessee, to the Southwestern Iron Company, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution, as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Abbott, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 37) to remove the charge of desertion from certain soldiers of the 2d North Carolina mounted infantry, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill, as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Mr. Ramsey, from the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, to whom was referred the bill (S. 74) to encourage and facilitate telegraphic communication with Europe, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Ramsey, from the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, to whom was referred the bill (S. 22) to establish and declare the railroad and bridges of the New Orleans, Mobile and Chattanooga Railroad Company, as hereafter constructed, westward from the city of New Orleans, a post road. and for other purposes, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Chandler asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 155) to provide for the enrolment and license of certain foreign vessels; which was read the first and second times by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill, as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Pomeroy asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 156) supplemental to "An act to abolish and forever prohibit the system of peonage in the Territory of New Mexico and other parts of the United States;" which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Norton asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 157) to provide for the construction of a wagon road, for military and postal purposes, through the Territories of Dakota, Montana, Idaho, and Washington; which was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Nye asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 158) to authorize and provide for the construction of a military and postal road from Galveston, in the State of Texas, to Fort Gibson, in the Indian territory, with a branch to Little Rock, in Arkansas; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, refer-

red to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Scott asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 159) to aid the building of a rolling-mill in the city of Washington; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Conkling asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 160) to regulate proceedings for the naturalization of aliens; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fowler asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 161) granting a pension to Paulina Jones, of Greene county, Tennessee; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Wilson asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 162) relating to the operations of the pension laws, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

Hr. Harlan asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 163) to provide for the erection of a market-house in the city of Washington, District of Columbia; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kellogg asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 164) to amend an act entitled "An act for the relief of Alexander J. Atocha," approved February 14, 1865; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Kellogg asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 165) to provide for the construction of railroad and telegraphic lines, on or near the 32d parallel of latitude, to the Pacific ocean; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the Pacific Railroad, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abbott asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 33) relating to government buildings at Fort Totten, in Dakota Territory; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ross asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 34) authorizing the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to appoint guardians or trustees for minor Indian children who may be entitled to pensions or bounties under the existing laws; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Pomeroy,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (S. 8) for the relief of settlers upon the absentee Shawnee lands, in Kansas; and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the resolution be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 42) for the relief of Orlando Brown; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Pomeroy,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (S. 29) in relation to the Burlington and Mississippi River railroad branch of the Union Pacific railroad; and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the resolution be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Nye submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved by the Senate, (the House of Representatives concurring,) That a joint select committee be appointed, to consist of three members of the Senate and three members of the House of Representatives, to examine into the present condition of the Senate chamber and the hall of the House of Representatives, as regards lighting, heating, and ventilation, and their acoustic properties, and the defects and disadvantages existing in the same, and the best method of providing remedies therefor; and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Edmunds submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Library be directed to inquire into the expediency of procuring and printing, for the use of Congress, the journal of the late William Maclay, a senator from Pennsylvania, containing the secret debates in the Senate prior to the holding of public sittings by that body, and to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Howe submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That, until otherwise provided, the session on each Friday, after the morning hour, shall be set apart for the consideration of bills and joint resolutions from the Committees on Claims, Patents, Pensions, Private Land Claims, and the District of Columbia; which shall severally be considered, unless otherwise directed, in the order in which they stand upon the calendar.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the joint resolution of the Senate (S. 21) authorizing the removal of the public stables, steam saw-mill, and other buildings, from the Capitol grounds.

The House of Representatives insists upon its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate to the resolution of the House for the appointment of a Joint Committee on Retrenchment, insisted upon by

the Senate. It agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon, and has appointed Mr. Welker, Mr. Jenckes, and Mr. Niblack, managers at the same on its part.

On motion by Mr. Sherman,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 43) supplementary to an act entitled "An act to provide a national currency secured by a pledge of United States bonds, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof," approved June 3, 1864; and

An amendment being proposed, by Mr. Wilson, to the 4th section of the bill,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed to to-morrow:

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 3) to repeal "An act regulating the tenure of certain civil offices;" and the question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Thayer to the amendment reported by the Committee on the Judiciary,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Howard, at 4 o'clock p. m., the Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 1869.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a resolution of the legislature of Massachusetts, ratifying the fifteenth article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Interior, communicating a report of the commissioners appointed under the thirteenth article of the treaty between the United States and the Senecas and mixed Senecas, Shawnees, and other Indians, concluded February 23, 1867, to ascertain and report the amount of money due by the United States to the Wyandotte Indians; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and be printed.

Mr. Ramsey presented the memorial of the American Atlantic Telegraph Company, of New York, remonstrating against the extension of any franchises to any foreign companies for telegraph purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Hamlin presented a petition of citizens of Washington city, praying the removal of the Baltimore and Washington railroad depot; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Willey presented the petition of William H. Gould, administrator of James Gould, praying the payment of the bounty of $100 due to Charles M. V. Gould, deceased, son of the said James Gould, and late a private of company A, 3d West Virginia volunteers; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sherman presented the petition of Rachel H. Millikin, also the petition of Abram D. L. Payne, praying to be allowed pensions; which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Fenton presented the petition of John Hegeman, praying compensation for the use by the United States army of his improvement in pontoon boats; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Wilson presented the petition of P. B. Crown, G. H. Southall, John A. Wallace, James A. Coleman, and A. D. Lockett; the petition of W.

G. Vaughn; the petition of James I. Johnson; the petition of Philip M. Russell; the petition of George H. Lester; the petition of Henry R. Bell; the petition of W. L. Goggin; and the petition of H. L. Eustis, in behalf of Henry C. Eustis, praying the removal of their political disabilities.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Sherman presented a petition of citizens of Ohio, praying such an amendment to the pension laws as will allow pensions to the legal representatives of soldiers who died at home during their veteran furlough; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Fessenden presented the petition of Charles H. Huff; the petition of Thomas W. Winn and Enos W. Barnes; and the petition of George W. G. Browne, praying the removal of their political disabilities.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Willey, from the Committee on Patents, to whom were referred the papers in the case of Isabella C. Youngs, reported a bill (S. 166) for the relief of Isabella C. Youngs, wife of Theophilus Youngs; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 146) relating to the Freedmen's Bureau, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Pomeroy, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 11) extending the time to construct a railroad from the Saint Croix river, or lake, to the west end of Lake Superior and to Bayfield, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Pomeroy, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 6) to enable actual settlers on certain lands within the State of Kansas, known as the "Cherokee strip," to purchase said lands, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Pomeroy, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 19) enabling actual settlers to purchase certain lands of the Great and Little Osage Indians, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Casserly, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a bill (S. 167) amendatory of "An act to protect the rights of actual settlers upon the public lands of the United States," approved July 27, 1868, and for other purposes; which was read, and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Tipton asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 168) granting lands to aid in the construction of a railroad from Lincoln, in the State of Nebraska, to Denver, Colorado Territory; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Drake asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 169) to regulate the construction of bridges over the Mississippi and Missouri rivers, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Pratt asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 170) for the relief of William Henry Otis; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Pratt,

Ordered, That the papers relating to the claim of William Henry Otis, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Fenton asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 171) to encourage the building of steamships in the United States and to provide for the transportation of United States mails to Europe by steamships built in the United States; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ferry asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 172) to establish the office of associate judge for the eastern district of Texas; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ramsey asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 173) granting lands to the States of Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, to aid in the construction of certain railroads; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Trumbull,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 75) regulating the right of property of married women in the District of Columbia; and the amendment reported by the Committee on the Judiciary having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Trumbull,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 76) concerning divorces in the District of Columbia; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Sumner,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 82) to pay Charles Weile for services performed as consul at Tumbez, Peru; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of presentatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Nye,

Ordered, That William James have leave to withdraw his petition and pers, on the files of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Fowler,

Ordered, That the heirs of William B. Lewis have leave to withdraw ir petition and papers, on the files of the Senate.

Mr. Robertson submitted the following resolution; which was referred the Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the nate:

Resolved, That the extra messengers of the Senate be paid their spective salaries, during the recess, from July 27 to September 25, 68, it being the same period for which the clerks of committees have eady received compensation.

Mr. Kellogg submitted the following resolution; which was considered, unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to transmit the Senate any information in his possession regarding the present dition, including the original cost and present value, of the marine spital at New Orleans.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Porter, secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and ned, on the 18th instant, the following acts:

S. 23. An act for the further security of equal rights in the District of Columbia.

S. 25. An act supplementary to an act entitled "An act to authorize the extension, construction, and use of a lateral branch of the Baltimore and Potomac railroad, into and within the District of Columbia," approved February 5, 1867.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed a joint resolution (H. R. 29) for the relief of Blanton Duncan, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The joint resolution (H. R. 29) last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Sumner,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 84) to carry into effect the decree of the district court of the United States for the southern district of New York in the case of the British steamer Labuan; and

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed to to-morrow.

Mr. Patterson, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on a resolution of the House of Representatives for the appointment of a Joint Committee on Retrenchment, submitted the following report:

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the concurrent resolution relative to the raising of a Joint Select Committee on Retrenchment, having met, after full and free con-

ference, have agreed to recommend, and do recommend, to their respective houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments to said resolution and agree to the same with an amendment as follows: in line four strike out the word "seven," and insert the word *five*; so as to make the resolution read:

Resolved by the House of Representatves, (the Senate concurring,) That a Joint Select Committee on Retrenchment, consisting of four members of the Senate and five members of the House, be appointed by the presiding officers of the two houses, with the same powers and duties as were conferred upon the Select Committee on Retrenchment of the thirty-ninth and fortieth Congresses, and to whom all matters yet remaining undisposed of which were referred to the Committee on Retrenchment of the fortieth Congress shall be referred.

J. W. PATTERSON,
J. W. GRIMES,
E. CASSERLY,
Managers on the part of the Senate.
M. WELKER,
T. A. JENCKES,
W. E. NIBLACK,
Managers on the part of the House.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report; and

On motion by Mr. Patterson,

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 3) to repeal "An act regulating the tenure of certain civil offices;" and the question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Thayer to the amendment reported by the Committee on the Judiciary,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Drake,

That the Senate proceed to the consideration of executive business,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 28 / Nays..... 25

On motion by Mr. Trumbull,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Bayard, Boreman, Brownlow, Buckingham, Cameron, Casserly, Corbett, Davis, Drake, Fowler, Grimes, Morton, Norton, Patterson, Pomeroy, Ramsey, Ross, Scott, Spencer, Stockton, Sumner, Thayer, Thurman, Tipton, Vickers, Warner, Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Carpenter, Chandler, Cole, Conkling, Cragin, Edmunds, Fenton, Fessenden, Gilbert, Hamlin, Harris, Howard, Howe, Kellogg, Nye, Osborn, Rice, Robertson, Sawyer, Schurz, Stewart, Trumbull, Willey, Williams, Yates.

So the motion was agreed to; and

Thereupon

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 1869.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate resolutions of the legislature of Maine, ratifying the amendment to the Constitution of the United States, known as article fifteen.

Ordered, That they lie on the table and be printed.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Interior, communicating an estimate of appropriation relating to a contract made by D. W. Ballard while governor and superintendent of Indian affairs for Idaho Territory, for certain supplies for the Indians in his superintendency; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Cattell presented the memorial of officers and directors of the Camden and Amboy Railroad Company, praying an appropriation for the protection of the light-house at Atlantic City, New Jersey; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Cattell presented the memorial of the city council of Atlantic City, New Jersey, praying an appropriation for the protection of the light-house at that place; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Sumner presented the petition of certain residents of the city of Washington, praying Congress to examine into certain measures adopted by the city government of Washington, giving privileges to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, calculated to obstruct and injure certain streets and avenues of that city; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Ferry presented the petition of J. L. Morgan, praying the removal of his political disabilities.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Willey presented the petition of William H. Irwin, of St. Bernard parish, Louisiana, praying indemnity for losses sustained by the occupancy of his premises by troops of the United States under Generals A. J. Smith and Sheridan, in 1865; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Wilson presented the petition of Lewis W. Burwell, the petition of Travis H. Epes, and the petition of R. D. Harvey, praying the removal of their political disabilities.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Ferry presented additional papers in relation to the application of H. W. Sheffey for the removal of his political disabilities.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Scott presented the memorial of the trustees, faculty, and friends of Lincoln University of Oxford, Pennsylvania, praying a donation of a portion of the public lands; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Fenton presented the petition of John B. Kennedy, guardian of Johanna Carroll, daughter of Cornelius Carroll, deceased, late corporal company K, 12th Illinois infantry volunteers, praying that she be granted a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Pratt presented a petition of citizens of Philadelphia, praying that pensions be granted to the soldiers of the war of 1812, and to the widows of such as have deceased; which was referred to the Committe on Pensions.

Mr. Hamlin presented the petition of Asa J. Merrow, late a private in 31st regiment Maine infantry volunteers, praying to be relieved from a

charge of desertion; and that all moneys forfeited in consequence of the sentence passed on him for such alleged desertion may be restored to him; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Howe,

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of William Gates, and that it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Chandler presented the petition of Donald C. Stith, praying the removal of his political disabilities; which was referred to the select Committee on the Removal of Political Disabilities.

Mr. Stockton presented a resolution of the legislature of New Jersey in favor of an appropriation for improving the navigation of the Delaware river.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and be printed.

Mr. Hamlin, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 92) in addition to the act entitled "An act to incorporate the Washington, Alexandria and Georgetown Steam Packet Company, reported it without amendment. The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Abbott, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 124) to declare and fix the status of judge advocates of the army, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

On the motion of Mr. Grimes that the said bill be postponed indefinitely,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 29 / Nays 17

On motion by Mr. Abbott,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Messrs. Bayard, Buckingham, Carpenter, Casserly, Cattell, Cole, Conkling, Corbett, Davis, Edmunds, Ferry, Fowler, Grimes, Howe, Morrill, Norton, Pratt, Rice, Robertson, Scott, Sherman, Spencer, Stewart, Stockton, Sumner, Thurman, Tipton, Vickers, Williams.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Messrs. Abbott, Brownlow, Chandler, Cragin, Drake, Gilbert, Harris, Howard, Morton, Pomeroy, Ramsey, Schurz, Sprague, Thayer, Trumbull, Wilson, Yates.

So it was

Resolved, That the said bill be postponed indefinitely.

On motion by Mr. Howard,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Pacific Railroad be discharged from the further consideration of the joint resolution (H. R. 6) for the protection of the interests of the United States in the Union Pacific Railway Company, and for other purposes.

Mr. Edmunds asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 174) granting relief to Lois Clark; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Edwards asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 175) for the relief of Elizabeth Mathys; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Edmunds asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 176) granting a pension to Anna E. Frei; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Tipton asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 177) creating an additional land district in the Territory of Colorado; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. McDonald asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 178) granting lands to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the junction of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, in the State of Missouri, to the boundary line between the United States and Mexico, at or near Presidio del Norte, on the Rio Grande, in the direction of the harbor of Altata on the Gulf of California, in the republic of Mexico, with a branch from some point east of the ninety-eighth degree of west longitude, to the city of Lawrence, in the State of Kansas; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fenton asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 179) to prohibit secret sales or purchases of gold or bonds on account of the United States, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Finance, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fenton asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 180) for the relief of Johanna Carroll; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Pomeroy asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 181) relating to the Union Pacific Railway Company, southern branch; which was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Spencer asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 182) for the relief of the heirs of William A. Hines, deceased; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Willey asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 183) to authorize subscriptions by the corporate authorities of the cities of Washington and Georgetown to the capital stock of certain railroad companies; which was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wilson asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 35) donating the Lincoln Hospital to the Columbia Hospital for Women and Lying-in Asylum; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wilson asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 36) respecting the retirement of Brevet Major General S. P. Heintzelman; which was read the first and second times,

by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ramsey asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 37) amendatory of the acts of March 3, 1857, and of March 12, 1864, granting lands to the States of Minnesota and Iowa to aid in the construction of certain railroads; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Lloyd, chief clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled joint resolution, (S. 21,) I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Thayer reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the joint resolution (S. 21) authorizing the removal of the public stables, steam saw-mill, and other buildings from the Capitol grounds.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Mr. Pool, on the 10th instant, to print a certain statistical statement prepared in the Treasury Department, reported adversely thereon.

On motion by Mr. Robertson,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him on the 6th instant for the appointment of a select committee on the removal of disabilities; and the resolution having been amended, it was agreed to as follows:

Resolved, That a select committee of seven on the removal of disabilities be appointed by the President of the Senate, to whom shall be referred all matters relating to the removal of disabilities under the 14th amendment of the Constitution; and

The Vice-President appointed Mr. Robertson, Mr. Osborn, Mr. Hamlin, Mr. Howe, Mr. Ferry, Mr. Boreman, and Mr. Vickers, the committee under the said resolution.

On motion by Mr. Ferry,

Ordered, That all petitions and memorials for the removal of political disabilities heretofore presented be referred to the Select Committee on the Removal of Political Disabilities.

The Vice-President signed the joint resolution (S. 21) last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Sumner submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads:

Whereas the inland postage on a letter throughout the United States is three cents, while the ocean postage on a similar letter to Great Britain, under a recent convention, is 12 cents, and on a letter to France is 30 cents, being a burdensome tax amounting often to a prohibition of foreign correspondence, yet letters can be carried at less cost on sea than on land; and whereas by increasing correspondence, and also by bringing into the mails mailable matter often now clandestinely conveyed, cheap ocean postage would become self-supporting; and whereas cheap ocean postage would tend to quicken commerce; to diffuse knowledge; to promote the intercourse of families and friends separated by the ocean; to multiply the bonds of peace and good will among men and nations; to advance the progress of liberal ideas; and thus, while important to every citizen, it would become the active ally of the mer-

chant, the emigrant, the philanthropist, and the friend of liberty; Therefore,

Be it resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to open negotiations with the European powers, particularly with Great Britain, France, and Germany, for the establishment of cheap ocean postage.

Mr. Anthony submitted the following resolution; which was considered by unanimous consent and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate be instructed to inquire into the mode of appointment and tenure of office of the subordinate officers of the Senate, and to report if any changes are desirable in the same.

On motion by Mr. Ferry,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bill and joint resolutions:

S. 105. A bill for the removal of certain disabilities from the persons therein named;

S. 1. Joint resolution for the removal of political disabilities;

S. 4. Joint resolution requiring parties desiring to be relieved from political disabilities to make application to Congress in writing, over their own signatures, setting forth the grounds upon which relief is asked, which shall be sworn to; and,

On motion by Mr. Ferry,

Ordered, That the said bill and joint resolutions be referred to the Select Committee on the Removal of Disabilities.

Mr. Ramsey asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 184) for the protection of settlers within the Fort Ridgely reservation, Minnesota; which was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

The Vice-President appointed Mr. Patterson, Mr. Williams, Mr. Schurz, and Mr. Thurman, the Joint Committee on Retrenchment on the part of the Senate under the concurrent resolution of the two houses of the 19th instant.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Corbett submitted a motion that the Senate reconsider its vote by which the bill (H. R. 124) to declare and fix the status of judge advocates of the army, was this day postponed indefinitely.

Ordered, That the consideration of the motion to reconsider be postponed to to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 3) to repeal "An act regulating the tenure of certain civil offices;" and the question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Thayer to the amendment reported by the Committee on the Judiciary,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Pomeroy, at 4 o'clock p. m., that the Senate adjourn,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 26 / Nays 30

On motion by Mr. Trumbull,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Bayard, Chandler, Davis, Fowler, Kellogg, McCreery, McDonald, Morton, Norton, Osborn, Patterson, Pomeroy, Pool, Pratt,

Ramsey, Ross, Spencer, Sprague, Stockton, Sumner, Thurman, Tipton, Vickers, Warner, Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Boreman, Brownlow, Buckingham, Carpenter, Cattell, Cole, Conkling, Corbett, Cragin, Drake, Fenton, Ferry, Fessenden, Gilbert, Grimes, Hamlin, Harlan, Harris, Howard, Howe, Morrill, Robertson, Schurz, Scott, Sherman, Stewart, Trumbull, Willey, Williams, Wilson.

So the Senate refused to adjourn; and

After further debate, and the consideration of executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, MARCH 22, 1869.

Mr. Sumner presented the memorial of C. B. Jabin, remonstrating against holding an election in Texas in 1869; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Chandler presented resolutions of the legislature of Michigan, in favor of a grant of land to aid in the construction of the Mineral Range railroad.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands and be printed.

Mr. Edmunds presented a letter of J. Gregory Smith, president of the Northern Pacific raiload, enclosing two communications in relation to the treaty with Great Britain, concerning the island of San Juan.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Cragin presented the petition of H. B. Moulton, praying compensation for time lost in consequence of injuries received from the explosion at the Washington arsenal, June 17, 1864; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Pomeroy presented a petition of citizens of Kansas, praying the organization of a new land district at Irving, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Drake presented the petition of Theodoric C. Lyon, praying the removal of his political disabilities; which was referred to the Select Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Ferry presented additional evidence in relation to the petition of Alfred Chapman.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Select Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Gilbert presented the memorial of Harrison Reed, governor of Florida, praying the renewal of certain land grants heretofore made to that State; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Tipton presented the petition of J. Brainerd, M. D., of Washington, District of Columbia, praying a modification of the laws regulating the practice of medicine in the District of Columbia in favor of practitioners of homœopathy; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Osborn presented the petition of William L. Criglau, praying the removal of his political disabilities; which was referred to the Select Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Fenton presented a resolution of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York, in favor of the passage of a bill prohibiting the secret sale of government bonds and gold by the Treasury Department; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Trumbull presented the petition of Joseph Bennett, praying the

removal of his political disabilities; which was referred to the Select Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Pomeroy, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 36) granting the right of way through the public lands to the Midland Pacific Railroad Company, and for other purposes, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Public Lands having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 94) to amend an act entitled "An act granting lands to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Central Pacific railroad, in California, to Portland, in Oregon," approved July 25, 1866, reported it with amendments, and submitted a report (No. 3) thereon, which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fessenden, from the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 26) relating to the Interior Department, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution as in Committee of the Whole; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Appropriations having been agreed to, the resolution was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the resolution be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Fessenden, from the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 30) to supply omissions in the enrolment of certain appropriation acts approved March 3, 1869, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution as in Committee of the Whole; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Appropriations having been agreed to, the resolution was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the resolution read a third time.

The said resolution as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

On motion by Mr. Kellogg,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Francis Masich, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Fowler,

Ordered, That L. Waters have leave to withdraw his petition and papers, on the files of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Anthony that the Senate proceed to the election of a Sergeant-at arms,

It was determined in the affirmative; and

On motion by Mr. Anthony,

Resolved, That John R. French be, and he is hereby, chosen Sergeant-at-arms of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Anthony that the Senate proceed to the election of an executive clerk,

It was determined in the affirmative; and

On motion by Mr. Anthony,

Resolved, That John M. Morris be, and he is hereby, chosen executive clerk of the Senate.

Mr. Conkling submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Senate now proceed to the election of a Congressional Printer, and that such election shall take effect from and after the 15th of April, proximo.

Mr. Conkling nominated Almon M. Clapp, of New York; and no other nomination being made he was declared elected Congressional Printer.

Mr. Patterson asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 185) to continue in force an act entitled "An act to extend the charter of Washington city," and so forth; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cole asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 186) granting the right of way and alternate sections of land to aid in the construction of a canal for irrigation and navigation in the State of California; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Osborn asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 187) to facilitate the business and to provide for the more perfect preservation of the records of the courts of the United States; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kellogg asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 188) to aid in the construction of the Pacific Central Transit railway and telegraph from the city of New Orleans, Louisiana, to some point on the Rio Grande river, Texas, in the direction of Mazatlan, on the Pacific coast; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the Pacific Railroad, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sumner asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 189) to amend the several acts of Congress relating to naturalization; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abbott asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 38) in relation to taking the ninth census; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cole asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 39) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to audit and settle the accounts of William T. Patch, late collector of internal revenue for the first collection district of California; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cole presented papers relating to the settlement of the accounts of William T. Patch; which were referred to the Committee on Finance

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, communicating, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate of June 20, 1868, the report and survey of the officer acting as Commissioner of Public Buildings and Grounds, relative to the new navy yard bridge across the Anacostia river; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, communicating, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate of the 10th instant, a report of the Chief of Engineers upon the military importance of San Juan island; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, communicating, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate of February 19, 1869, information in relation to the Seminole Indians in Florida; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Stewart submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Printing.

Resolved by the Senate, (the House of Representatives concurring,) That ten thousand copies of the report of Professor Raymond on mines and mining be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Robertson submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Select Committee on the Removal of Political Disabilities be authorized to employ a clerk.

Mr. Thayer reported from the committee that they this day presented to the President of the United States the enrolled joint resolution (S. 21) authorizing the removal of the public stables, steam saw-mill, and other buildings from the Capitol grounds.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Lloyd, chief clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed a bill (H. R. 123) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes for the year ending June 30, 1870, and for other purposes, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The President of the United States approved and signed, on the 18th instant, an act (H. R. 7) to strengthen the public credit.

The bill (H. R. 123) last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

On motion by Mr. Patterson,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 62) to incorporate the National Junction Railway Company; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Patterson, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Trumbull,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 44) to amend the judicial system of the United States; and

An amendment being proposed by Mr. Drake to the amendment reported by the Committee on the Judiciary to the said bill,

After debate,

On motion by Stewart,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 1869.

The Secretary called the Senate to order and read the following letter:

WASHINGTON, *March* 22, 1869.

DEAR SIR: Please inform the Senate, at its meeting to-morrow, that I shall be absent from the city for a few days.

Respectfully yours,

SCHUYLER COLFAX.

The SECRETARY *of the Senate.*

Mr. Sumner, thereupon submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the absence of the Vice-President, the Hon. Henry B. Anthony, of the State of Rhode Island, be, and he is hereby, chosen President of the Senate, *pro tempore.*

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said resolution, and

The resolution was unanimonsly agreed to.

Mr. Anthony thereupon took the chair.

On motion by Mr. Sumner,

Ordered, That the Secretary wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that, in the absence of the Vice-President, the Senate has chosen the honorable Henry B. Anthony, a senator from the State of Rhode Island, President of the Senate, *pro tempore;* and that he make a similar communication to the House of Representatives.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Interior in favor of an appropriation for the payment of Harvey D. Scott for services as commissioner to examine and report on ten miles of the Southern Minnesota railroad, and also upon ten miles of the Minnesota Valley railroad; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Edwards presented the petition of Henry Fisher, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Sprague presented a petition of citizens of Rhode Island, praying that in any amendment to the Constitution of the United States to extend or regulate suffrage no distinction be made between men and women; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sherman presented the petition of John C. Easton, praying the removal of his political disabilities; which was referred to the Select Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Sherman presented a petition of citizens of Ohio and Pennsylvania, praying an amendment to the Constitution of the United States recognizing the obligations of the Christian religion; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Wilson presented the petition of F. W. Harris, praying the removal of his political disabilities, which was referred to the Select Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Willey presented the petition of J. L. Brown, praying the removal of his political disabilities; which was referred to the Select Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Boreman presented the petition of Charles C. Tompkins, praying

the removal of his political disabilities; which was referred to the Select Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Chandler presented a petition of citizens of Michigan, praying for an increase of pension for John Rouse; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Conkling presented the petition of Brace & Cook praying the restoration of an excess of duties paid by them on certain importations of iron; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Thayer presented a petition of citizens of the District of Columbia, praying that Congress will take measures to secure the free and unobstructed use of the streets and avenues leading to the Capitol; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Thayer presented the petition of George S. Wright, administrator of the estate of John T. Wright, deceased, praying compensation for the loss of the steamer America, while in the service of the United States; also the petition of the said Wright, praying compensation for the loss of the steamer Cincinnati, while in the service of the United States; which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Ferry presented the petition of James P. Hambleton, praying the removal of his political disabilities; which was referred to the Select Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Vickers presented the petition of the National Union of Bricklayers of the United States, praying an act of incorporation; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Harlan presented the memorial of Lewis Downing, principal chief of the Cherokee nation, remonstrating against the settling of various Indians on the Cherokee domain west of the ninety-sixth degree of west longitude; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a joint resolution (S. 40) authorizing the Secretary of War to take charge of the Gettysburg and Antietam National Cemeteries; which was read and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 23) for setting apart a portion of the Fort Snelling military reservation for a permanent military post and the settlement of all claims in relation thereto; reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Morrill, from the Committee on Finance, reported a bill (S. 190) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide a national currency secured by a pledge of United States bonds, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof," approved June 3, 1864, by extending certain penalties to accessories; which was read the first and second times by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Sherman, from the Committee on Finance, reported a bill (S. 191) to authorize the prepayment of the interest of the public debt; which was read the first and second times by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Sherman presented a letter of the Secretary of the Treasury in reference to anticipating payment of interest on the public debt.

Mr. Sherman, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 116) to allow deputy collectors and assessors of internal revenue, acting as assessors, the pay of collectors and assessors, reported it without amendment and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Abbott, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 33) relating to government buildings at Fort Totten, Dakota Territory, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Abbott, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 38) to remove the charge of desertion from certain soldiers of the 13th Tennessee cavalry, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Abbott presented the petition of certain soldiers of the 13th Tennessee cavalry, to be relieved from a charge of desertion.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 3) to repeal "An act regulating the tenure of certain civil offices;" and

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Pomeroy, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 15) giving construction to the acts of Congress granting lands to the State of Wisconsin to aid in building railroads, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Hamlin asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 192) to equalize and define the rights of all persons who own lots in the Oak Hill Cemetery, District of Columbia; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Sprague asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 193) for the relief of Henry A. Messenger; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Sprague presented an affidavit of Henry A. Messenger, in regard to the destruction by fire of a $1,000 United States bond, with accompanying certificates; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Fessenden asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to

bring in a joint resolution (S. 41) donating to the public schools of Washington, District of Columbia, the frame building located at the southeast corner of Twenty-second street west and I street north in said city; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Wilson asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 42) respecting the pay and allowances of enlisted men of the army; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Scott asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 43) to refer the claim of the administrator of the estate of Captain John Davis, deceased, to the Court of Claims; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Ramsey,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Fisk Mills, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

On motion by Mr. Ross,

Ordered, That the papers relating to the claim of John Ross, chief of the Cherokee nation, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Warner,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of C. Hausen, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

On motion by Mr. Nye,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Mary E. Hill, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims; also, that the petition and papers of Anna E. Dixon, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Williams submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing for a regular conveyance of the mail between Portland, Oregon, and the Territory of Alaska.

Mr. Robertson submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds be authorized generally to provide and reassign the committee rooms of the Senate, from time to time, as occasion may require.

Mr. Ramsey submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to communicate to the Senate all information in the possession of the War Department in reference to the abandonment of the Fort Ridgely military reservation, in Minnesota.

Mr. Sprague asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 194) to provide for loaning the public money, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second times by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the resolution of the House for the appointment of a joint committee on retrenchment; and

It has passed the following bills and joint resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 237. An act to abolish the office of chief of staff to the General of the army.

H. R. 238. An act relating to retired officers of the army.

H. R. 43. Joint resolution concerning vacancies in the Adjutant General's department.

H. R. 40. Joint resolution granting the right of way to the Memphis, El Paso and Pacific Railroad Company from El Paso to the Pacific ocean.

H. R. 44. Joint resolution to authorize works of art intended for free exhibition to be introduced into the United States without payment of duty.

The bills and joint resolutions last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bills H. R. 237 and H. R. 238 and the joint resolution H. R. 43 be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and that the joint resolution H. R. 44 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Ordered, That the joint resolution H. R. 40 lie on the table.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Porter, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed, on the 23d instant, the joint resolution (S. 21) authorizing the removal of the public stables, steam saw-mill, and other buildings from the Capitol grounds.

On motion by Mr. Ramsey,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 22) to establish and declare the railroad and bridges of the New Orleans, Mobile and Chattanooga Railroad Company, as hereafter constructed westward from the city of New Orleans, a post road, and for other purposes; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads having been agreed to, and the bill further amended on the motion of Mr. Kellogg, and a further amendment being proposed by Mr. Kellogg,

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed to to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the joint resolution of the Senate (S. 22) relative to consular fees; and

It has passed a bill (H. R. 9) extending the time for revising and consolidating the statutes of the United States, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the joint resolution of the House (H. R. 30) to supply omissions in the enrolment of certain appropriation acts, approved March 3, 1869.

The bill (H. R. 9) last received from the House of Representatives for

concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Revision of the Laws.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 44) to amend the judicial system of the United States; and the question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Drake to the amendment reported by the Committee on the Judiciary,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Williams that the further consideration of the bill be postponed to the first Monday of December next,

After further debate,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 11 / Nays..... 44

On motion by Mr. Conkling,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Boreman, Buckingham, Cameron, Conkling, Drake, Gilbert, Hamlin, Morrill, Pratt, Williams.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Bayard, Brownlow, Carpenter, Casserly, Cattell, Chandler, Cole, Cragin, Davis, Fenton, Fowler, Harlan, Harris, Howe, Kellogg, McCreery, McDonald, Morton, Norton, Nye, Osborn, Patterson, Pomeroy, Ramsey, Rice, Robertson, Ross, Sawyer, Schurz, Scott, Sherman, Sprague, Stewart, Stockton, Sumner, Thayer, Thurman, Tipton, Trumbull, Vickers, Warner, Willey, Wilson.

So the motion was not agreed to; and

On the question to agree to the amendment of Mr. Drake to the amendment reported by the Committee on the Judiciary,

It was determined in the negative; and

The amendment reported by the Committee on the Judiciary having been agreed to,

On motion by Mr. Drake further to amend the bill by inserting at the end thereof the following as an additional section:

SEC. — *And be it further enacted, That if, in regard to any cause pending in said supreme court, the justices sitting shall be equally divided in opinion, no judgment shall be entered therein based on such division, but such cause shall be heard again when there shall be an odd number of justices sitting.*

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 15 / Nays..... 39

On motion by Mr. Drake,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Cameron, Conkling, Cragin, Drake, Hamlin, Morrill, Norton, Nye, Osborn, Pratt, Schurz, Spencer, Sprague, Sumner, Williams.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Anthony, Bayard, Boreman, Brownlow, Buckingham, Carpenter, Casserly, Cattell, Chandler, Cole, Davis, Fenton, Gilbert, Harlan, Harris, Howe, Kellogg, McCreery, McDonald, Morton, Patterson, Pomeroy, Ramsey, Rice, Robertson, Ross, Sawyer, Scott, Sherman, Stewart, Stockton, Thurman, Tipton, Trumbull, Vickers, Warner, Willey, Wilson.

So the amendment of Mr. Drake was not agreed to; and

No further amendment being made to the bill, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment made in the Committee of the Whole was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the following bill and joint resolution, reported them without amendment:

H. R. 237. An act to abolish the office of chief of staff to the General of the army.

H. R. 43. Joint resolution concerning vacancies in the Adjutant General's department.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 238) relating to retired officers of the army, reported it with an amendment; and

After the consideration of executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 1869.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter from the Secretary of the Interior, communicating papers in relation to the claim of P. Brugnier and Gosewey, for subsistence furnished for the protection of Fort Union, in 1866 and 1867; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Wilson presented the petition of Mrs. A. M. Gangewer and others, managers of the Industrial Home Schools of the District of Columbia, praying the donation of surplus machinery and tools for the use of said schools; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Wilson presented the petition of Thomas H. O'Callaghan, the petition of James G. Cleary, and the petition of Thomas J. Smith, praying the removal of their political disabilities; which were referred to the Select Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Sohon presented the petition of A. Liebschutz, praying for an increase of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Spencer presented a petition of citizens of Philadelphia, praying that pensions be granted to the surviving soldiers of the war of 1812; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Pool presented a petition of citizens of North Carolina, praying protective duties on imports; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Patterson presented the petition of a committee of the corporation of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, praying the passage of a law authorizing the corporation of that city to subscribe to the stock of certain railroads; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Brownlow presented the petition of H. S. Foote, of Tennessee, praying the removal of his political disabilities; which was referred to the Select Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Pomeroy presented three petitions of citizens of the United States, praying that women be granted the right of suffrage.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Harris presented the petition of Chandler Lewis, the petition of Wharton Collins, the petition of Nelson F. Homer, the petition of Azra Towne, the petition of W. Dix, the petition of Pierre A. Barker, the petition of P. A. Barker, and the petition of T. Rodolph Verbois, pray-

ing to be relieved from their political disabilities; which were referred to the Select Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Harris presented a memorial of George W. Paschal, praying Congress to purchase a number of copies of Paschal's Annotated Constitution of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. McDonald presented the petition of Lafayette Ward, praying compensation for the use of his patent mail-bag catcher by the Post Office Department; which was referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Trumbull presented the petition of Miles T. Phillips, the petition of George A. Anisle, the petition of John E. Sheppard, and the petition of S. H. Herndon, praying the removal of their political disabilities; which were referred to the Select Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Trumbull presented the memorial of citizens of Virginia, remonstrating against the removal of the political disabilities of certain persons therein named; which was referred to the Select Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Kellogg presented the petition of M. C. Aldrich, praying the removal of his political disabilities; which was referred to the Select Committee on Political Disabilities.

On motion by Mr. Harlan,

Ordered, That R. D. Brown have leave to withdraw his petition and papers on the files of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Ferry,

Ordered, That all petitions on the files of the Senate, praying the removal of political disabilities, be referred to the Select Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Sumner, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported a bill (S. 195) to carry into effect the convention of July 4, 1868, between the United States and Mexico, for the adjustment of claims; which was read and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Cragin, from the Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Mr. Robertson on the 19th instant to pay the extra messengers their salaries during the recess, from July 27 to September 23, 1868, reported a recommendation that it be postponed indefinitely.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Cragin,

Ordered, That the said resolution be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Cragin, from the Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Mr. Ramsey on the 10th instant to pay Thomas W. Phipps his salary as messenger and acting assistant doorkeeper from May 1, 1867, to the present time, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate; and

After debate,

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

On motion by Mr Cattell,

Ordered, That George B. Halsted have leave to withdraw his petition

and papers on the files of the Senate, and that the Trenton Locomotive and Machine Manufacturing Company have leave to withdraw its petition and papers on the files of the Senate.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has disagreed to the resolution of the Senate for the appointment of a joint committee to consider all applications for the removal of political disabilities; and

It has passed the following bill and joint resolution of the Senate:

S. 37. An act to remove the charge of desertion from certain soldiers of the 2d North Carolina mounted infantry.

S. 20. Joint resolution in relation to light-houses on the coast of Oregon.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled joint resolution (H. R. 30) I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of its President.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill of the Senate (S. 62) to incorporate the National Junction Railway Company, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Thayer reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the joint resolution (H. R. 30) to supply omissions in enrolment of certain appropriation acts, approved March 3, 1869.

The President *pro tempore* signed the enrolled joint resolution (H. R. 30) last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Fessenden, from the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 123) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes for the year ending June 30, 1870, and for other purposes, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Trumbull, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was recommitted the bill (H. R. 3) to repeal "An act regulating the tenure of certain civil offices," reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill, as in Committee of the Whole, and the amendment reported by the Committee on the Judiciary having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate; and

On the question to concur in the amendment made in Committee of the Whole,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Warner that the bill lie on the table and be printed,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 22 / Nays..... 34

On motion by Mr. Sprague,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Bayard, Casserly, Cole, Corbett, Davis, Fessenden, Fowler, Grimes, Howe, McCreery, McDonald, Norton, Ross, Sherman, Sprague, Stockton, Sumner, Thurman, Vickers, Warner, Willey, Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Anthony, Boreman, Brownlow, Buckingham, Cameron, Carpenter, Cattell, Chandler, Conkling, Cragin, Edmunds, Fenton, Ferry, Hamlin, Harlan, Harris, Howard, Kellogg, Morrill, Osborn, Patterson, Pratt, Ramsey, Rice, Sawyer, Schurz, Scott, Spencer, Stewart, Tipton, Trumbull, Williams, Yates.

So the motion was not agreed to; and

After further debate,

On the question to concur in the amendment made in Committee of the Whole,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 37 / Nays 15

On motion by Mr. Grimes,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Anthony, Boreman, Brownlow, Buckingham, Carpenter, Cattell, Chandler, Conkling, Cragin, Drake, Edmunds, Ferry, Gilbert, Hamlin, Harlan, Harris, Howard, Kellogg, Morrill, Osborn, Patterson, Pratt, Ramsey, Rice, Sawyer, Schurz, Scott, Spencer, Stewart, Sumner, Tipton, Trumbull, Willey, Williams, Wilson, Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bayard, Casserly, Davis, Fessenden, Fowler, Grimes, McCreery, McDonald, Norton, Ross, Sprague, Stockton, Thurman, Vickers, Warner.

So the amendment made in Committee of the Whole was concurred in; and

No further amendment being made to the bill,

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill, as amended, was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended to read "An act to amend an act regulating the tenure of certain civil offices."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

After the consideration of executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1869.

Mr. William T. Hamilton, elected a senator by the legislature of the State of Maryland, attended; and the oaths prescribed by law were administered to him by the President *pro tempore*, and he took his seat in the Senate.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Interior, in relation to the appropriation required for the payment of an account of Irby H. Rudd for transporting annuity goods to the Navajo Indians and for the detention of his trains at Cheyenne and at Fort Defiance; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 62) to incorporate the National Junction Railroad Company; and

On motion by Mr. Patterson,

Resolved, That the Senate agree to the amendments of the House of Representatives to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Senate notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Pomeroy presented the memorial of the mayor and city council of Leavenworth, Kansas, praying an appropriation for building a custom-house and post office in said city; which was referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Willey presented the petition of Peter Tinsley; also the petition of S. D. Rumbough, praying the removal of their political disabilities; which was referred to the Select Committee on Political Disabilities.

On motion by Mr. Willey,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Mrs. Margaret Laurie, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Stewart presented the petition of W. W. Goodloe, praying the removal of his political disabilities; which was referred to the Select Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Sumner presented the memorial of Clara Barton, in favor of the passage of the joint resolution giving surplus tools and machinery for the use of the industrial schools for freedmen; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Spencer presented the petition of Levi Hinds, praying the removal of his political disabilities; which was referred to the Select Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Brownlow presented the petition of Thomas D. Eldridge, praying the removal of his political disabilities; which was referred to the Select Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Fowler presented the petition of Walter W. Brooke, praying the removal of his political disabilities; which was referred to the Select Committee on Political Disabilities.

On motion by Mr. Howe,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Samuel Miller, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Pomeroy asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 196) to provide for the location and erection of a building suitable for the post office, the United States court, and other government offices, in the city of Leavenworth, Kansas; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Rice asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 197) to enforce the 14th amendment to the Constitution and the laws of the United States, and to restore the State of Georgia to the republican government elected under its new constitution; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Kellogg asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 198) in addition to an act entitled "An act to relieve from legal and political disabilities certain persons engaged in the late rebellion," approved July 27, 1868; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, (two-thirds of the senators present concurring,) That the bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Wilson asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 199) for the relief of the heirs of General William Gates; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered, That the papers on the files of the Senate, relative to the claim of the heirs of General William Gates, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Wilson asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 200) relating to freedmen's hospitals; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Wilson asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 201) to authorize the payment of moneys due J. E. Clarke and John T. Peabody; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wilson presented a letter of the Secretary of War, transmitting a report of the board of claims of the War Department relative to the claims of J. E. Clarke and John T. Peabody; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Patterson asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 202) to provide for retrenchment and greater efficiency in the diplomatic and consular service of the United States; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Joint Select Committee on Retrenchment.

Mr. Cole asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 203) granting lands to the Santa Barbara branch of the Southern Pacific Railroad of California; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Howard asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 44) granting the right of way for the construction of a railroad from a point at or near Portland, Oregon, to some point west of the Cascade mountains, in the Territory of Washington; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the Pacific Railroad, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sherman asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 45) for the relief of John M. Broome and others, the band of the 12th Kentucky infantry; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Edmunds presented a letter of the Second Auditor of the Treasury, endorsed by the Commissioner of Pensions, and addressed to the chairman of the Committee on Pensions, communicating a report relative to the fraudulent practices of claim agents in the collection of claims for pay and bounty in cases of colored troops; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Ramsey, from the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, to whom was referred the bill (S. 171) to encourage the building of steamships in the United States, and to provide for the transportation of the United States mails to Europe by steamships built in the United States, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Morrill submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Buildings and Grounds, the supervising architect of the treasury, and the architect of the Capitol extension, be directed to examine into the proposed change of the line of Fifteenth street, between Pennsylvania avenue and New York avenue, and the proposed change of the grade of Pennsylvania avenue and Fifteenth street, between Fourteenth street and Seventeenth street, and to report with plans and estimates the cost of such improvement.

Mr. Nye submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds be instructed to inquire into the expediency of causing the old carrier tubes

over the hall of the Senate to be removed and new pipes to be placed where required, with electric gas-burners with lava tips, to be lighted by electricity from the battery now used for lighting the dome, rotunda, and hall of the House of Representatives: *Provided*, That the whole expense shall not exceed the sum of $6,300, to be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate.

Mr. Ramsey asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 204) to authorize the establishment of ocean mail steamship service between the United States and Mexico; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the following bill and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 46. An act for the relief of Samuel Moore, late a private in company G, 57th regiment Ohio veteran volunteer infantry.

H. R. 4. Joint resolution relating to steamboats and other vessels owned in the loyal States.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill (S. 37) and two enrolled joint resolutions (S. 20 and S. 22,) I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

The President of the United States approved and signed on the 24th instant the joint resolution (H. R. 1) to supply an omission in the enrolment of the act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the government for the year ending June 30, 1870, and for other purposes, approved March 3, 1869.

Mr. Thayer reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bill and joint resolutions:

S. 37. An act to remove the charge of desertion from certain soldiers of the 2d North Carolina mounted infantry.

S. 20. Joint resolution in relation to light-houses on the coast of Oregon.

S. 22. Joint resolution relative to consular fees.

The President *pro tempore* signed the enrolled bill (S. 37) and the two enrolled joint resolutions (S. 20 and S. 22) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The bill H. R. 46 and joint resolution H. R. 4, last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence, were severally read the first and second times by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bill H. R. 46 be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and that the joint resolution H. R. 4 be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Sherman that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill (S. 43) supplementary to an act entitled "An act to provide a national currency secured by a pledge of United States bonds, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof," approved June 3, 1864,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 40 / Nays 15

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Bayard, Boreman, Brownlow, Casserly, Chandler, Cole, Corbett, Davis, Drake, Fenton, Fessenden, Fowler, Grimes, Harlan, Harris, Howard, Kellogg, McCreery, McDonald, Morrill, Morton, Osborn, Pool, Pratt, Ramsey, Rice, Ross, Sawyer, Schurz, Sherman, Stockton, Thayer, Thurman, Tipton, Trumbull, Vickers, Willey, Williams, Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Buckingham, Conkling, Cragin, Edmunds, Ferry, Hamlin, Howe, Norton, Pomeroy, Robertson, Sprague, Stewart, Sumner, Wilson.

So the motion was agreed to; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill, and the question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Wilson, to strike out in section 4 all after the enacting clause and in lieu thereof insert:

That so much of section 22 of the act approved June 3, A. D. 1864, entitled "An act to provide a national currency secured by a pledge of United States bonds, and to provide for the redemption and circulation thereof," as limits the amount of circulating notes to be issued to banking associations under said act to $300,000,000, *is hereby repealed; but the amount of notes to be issued under said act to banking associations shall not exceed* $350,000,000; *and in issuing said circulating notes preference shall be given to banking associations in States and sections of the country not adequately supplied with banking facilities.*

SEC. —. *And be it further enacted, That whenever the amount of United States notes and circulating notes of national banks combined shall be in excess of* $656,000,000 *the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and required to retire and cancel United States notes to the extent of such excess until the whole amount of United States notes outstanding shall be reduced to* $306,000,000.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Morrill to amend the part proposed to be stricken out by inserting in line 25, after the word "banks" the words *having a capital exceeding* $100,000,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 23 / Nays 38

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Brownlow, Buckingham, Cameron, Conkling, Corbett, Cragin, Edmunds, Fenton, Ferry, Hamlin, Howe, Morrill, Patterson, Pool, Pratt, Ross, Sprague, Stewart, Sumner, Trumbull, Williams, Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Bayard, Boreman, Carpenter, Casserly, Cattell, Chandler, Cole, Davis, Drake, Fessenden, Fowler, Gilbert, Grimes, Harlan, Harris, Howard, Kellogg, McCreery, McDonald, Norton, Nye, Osborn, Pomeroy, Ramsey, Rice, Robertson, Sawyer, Schurz, Sherman, Spencer, Thayer, Thurman, Tipton, Vickers, Warner, Willey, Yates.

So the amendment proposed by Mr. Morrill was not agreed to; and

The question recurring on the amendment proposed by Mr. Wilson to strike out the 4th section of the bill; and

An amendment being proposed by Mr. Kellogg, to the amendment of Mr. Wilson,

After debate and the consideration of executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1869.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a resolution of the legislature of the State of Michigan, ratifying the amendment to the Constitution of the United States, known as article fifteen.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Interior, recommending an appropriation to enable him to purchase of Little, Brown and Company two thousand copies of volume 15 of the United States Statutes at Large; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Edmunds presented the petition of Thomas G. Bodwell, praying the removal of his political disabilities; which was referred to the Select Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Sumner presented the petition of James A. Carruthers, of Salisbury, Massachusetts, praying for arrears of pay due him as second lieutenant in the 28th regiment Massachusetts volunteers; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Howe,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of George W. Tarleton, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Tipton presented the petition of Christian Luth, praying compensation for property taken from him by the Indians in June, 1868; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Howe presented the petition of Mary J. Carlin, praying payment of the claim of Easton Padgett for property taken from him by the military forces of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Cattell presented the petition of Thomas H. Stribbling; the petition of J. H. Noonan; the petition of M. G. Anderson; the petition of J. R. Shook; and the petition of Theophilus G. Anderson; praying the removal of their political disabilities; which were referred to the Select Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Patterson, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the bill (S. 26) to further define and amend "An act for the punishment of crimes against the United States," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Patterson, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 185) to continue in force an act entitled "An act to extend the charter of Washington city," and so forth, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Patterson, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 90) to provide for the paving of Pennsylvania avenue, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and the amendments reported by the Committee on the District of Columbia having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Williams,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 95) for the sale of the Hot Springs reservation in Arkansas, and that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Wilson asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 205) granting an increase of pension to Emily B. Bidwell, widow of Brigadier General Daniel D. Bidwell, Sallie Griffin, widow of General Griffin, and to Sarah Hackleman, widow of Brigadier General Pleasant A. Hackleman; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Chandler asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 206) to detach the port of S. Paul from the collection district of Minnesota, and to annex it to the collection district of Louisiana, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hamlin asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 207) to establish a probate court in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hamlin presented a petition of citizens of the District of Columbia, praying the organization of a single local government of the District under the provisions of a law of Congress, similar to that proposed in the bill generally known as the Morrill bill; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

On motion by Mr. Hamlin that the petition be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Nye asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 208) amending an act entitled "An act setting aside certain proceeds from internal revenue for the erection of penitentiaries in the Territories of Nebraska, Washington, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Arizona and Dakota," approved January 22, 1867; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Territories, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Nye presented a letter from the Secretary of the Interior, recommending that the erection of penitentiaries in the Territories of the United States be placed under the supervision of the Secretary of the Treasury; which was referred to the Committee on Territories.

Mr. Nye asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 209) to insure the completion of the Washington Monument; which was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Patterson asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 210) relating to judicial proceedings in the District of Columbia; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Willey asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring

in a bill (S. 211) for the relief of James C. Taylor, of Montgomery county, in the State of Virginia; which was read the first and second times by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

Resolved, (two-thirds of the senators present concurring,) That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Mr. Abbott asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 212) to relieve certain persons therein named from the legal and political disabilities imposed by the 14th amendment of the Constitution of the United States; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Select Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Howard asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 213) establishing the right of way of the Portage Lake and River Improvement Company, and providing for and making a grant of land to aid in the construction of said improvement; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hamlin asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 214) in addition to the several acts establishing the temporary and permanent seat of the government of the United States, and to resume the legislative powers delegated to the cities of Washington and Georgetown, and the levy court of the District of Columbia; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wilson asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 46) for the protection of soldiers and their heirs; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Drake asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 47) for the relief of certain contractors for the construction of vessels of war and steam machinery; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Sumner,

The bill (S. 195) to carry into effect the convention of July 4, 1868, between the United States and Mexico, for the adjustment of claims, was read the second time and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Pomeroy,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (S. 6) enabling actual settlers to purchase certain lands obtained of the Cherokee Indians; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Public Lands having been agreed to, the resolution was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the resolution be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Harlan that the Senate reconsider the vote on the passage of the said resolution,

Ordered, That the consideration of the motion to reconsider be postponed to to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Chandler that when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 35 / Nays..... 22

On motion by Mr. Drake,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Bayard, Brownlow, Buckingham, Cameron, Carpenter, Casserly, Cattell, Chandler, Fowler, Gilbert, Grimes, Harlan, Harris, Howard, Kellogg, McCreery, Morrill, Morton, Nye, Patterson, Pool, Ramsey, Sawyer, Schurz, Scott, Spencer, Sprague, Stewart, Stockton, Sumner, Thayer, Thurman, Trumbull, Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Boreman, Cole, Conkling, Corbett, Davis, Drake, Fenton, Fessenden, Hamlin, Howe, McDonald, Osborn, Pool, Pratt, Rice, Robertson, Sherman, Vickers, Warner, Willey, Williams, Wilson.

So it was

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

Mr. Patterson reported from the committee that they this day presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills and joint resolutions:

S. 37. An act to remove the charge of desertion from certain soldiers of the 2d North Carolina mounted infantry.

S. 20. A joint resolution in relation to light-houses on the coast of Oregon.

S. 22. A joint resolution relative to consular fees.

Mr. Howard, from the Committee on the Pacific Railroad, reported an amendment to the joint resolution (H. R. 6) for the protection of the interests of the United States in the Union Pacific Railway Company and for other purposes, which was ordered to be printed.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the bill of the Senate (S. 42) for the relief of Orlando Brown; and

It has passed the following bills and joint resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 266. An act for the relief of Abram G. Snyder, of the Watervliet arsenal, at West Troy, New York.

H. R. 267. An act for the relief of Major Francis McKee, of Smith county, Tennessee.

H. R. 268. An act for the relief of Captain George E. Grisham, of Tennessee.

H. R. 269. An act for the relief of William E. Byrd, of Hancock county, State of Tennessee.

H. R. 270. An act for the relief of Henry B. Mears.

H. R. 271. An act for the relief of Colonel Samuel W. Price, of the 21st Kentucky volunteers.

H. R 272. An act for the relief of Alfred E. Brooks, postmaster at Ilion, New York.

H. R. 51. Joint resolution authorizing the transfer of certain appropriations heretofore made.

H. R. 52. Joint resolution for the relief of Alfred B. Winslow, postmaster of Portland, Maine.

H. R. 53. Joint resolution for the relief of Francis S. McDonald.

The House of Representatives has appointed Mr. Welker, Mr. Porter Sheldon, Mr. Boring, Mr. Jenckes, and Mr. Benton, the joint committee on Retrenchment on its part.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Porter, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed this day the following act and joint resolutions:

S. 37. An act to remove the charge of desertion from certain soldiers of the 2d North Carolina mounted infantry.

S. 29. Joint resolution in relation to light-houses on the coast of Oregon.

S. 22. Joint resolution relative to consular fees.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 43) supplementary to an act entitled "An act to provide a national currency secured by a pledge of United States bonds, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof," approved June 3, 1864; and the question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Kellogg to the amendment of Mr. Wilson to the 4th section of the bill,

On motion by Mr. Fessenden that the further consideration of the said bill be postponed to to-morrow,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 22 / Nays 32

On motion by Mr. Sherman,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Boreman, Buckingham, Cameron, Cole, Conkling, Corbett, Cragin, Ferry, Fessenden, Fowler, Gilbert, Grimes, Howe, Nye, Patterson, Scott, Sprague, Sumner, Tipton, Williams, Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Bayard, Brownlow, Casserly, Cattell, Chandler, Davis, Drake, Fenton, Harris, Howard, Kellogg, McCreery, McDonald, Morrill, Morton, Pomeroy, Pratt, Ramsey, Rice, Robertson, Sawyer, Schurz, Sherman, Spencer, Stockton, Thayer, Thurman, Trumbull, Vickers, Willey, Yates.

So the motion was not agreed to; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill, (S. 43;) and

Mr. Kellogg having withdrawn his amendment to the amendment proposed by Mr. Wilson,

After debate,

Mr. Wilson modified his amendment to read as follows:

That so much of section 22 of the act approved June 3, A. D. 1864, entitled "An act to provide a national currency secured by a pledge of United States bonds, and to provide for the redemption and circulation thereof," as limits the amount of circulating notes to be issued to banking associations under said act to three hundred millions of dollars, is hereby repealed; but the amount of notes to be issued under said act to banking associations shall not exceed three hundred and fifty millions of dollars; and the increase of

circulating notes hereby authorized shall be distributed among the States and Territories having less of circulating notes than an equal proportion according to population, and so as to equalize the distribution of such circulation among such States and Territories on the basis of population.

SEC. —. *And be it further enacted, That whenever the amount of United States notes and circulating notes of national banks combined shall be in excess of six hundred and fifty-six million dollars, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and required to fund in ten-forty bonds United States notes to the extent of such excess until the amount of said notes outstanding shall be reduced to three hundred and six million dollars.*

After further debate,

On motion by Mr. Sumner that the Senate proceed to the consideration of executive business,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 28 / Nays..... 29

On motion by Mr. Sherman,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brownlow, Cameron, Carpenter, Chandler, Cole, Cragin, Drake, Fessenden, Grimes, Hamlin, Harlan, Howard, Howe, Kellogg, McDonald, Nye, Pomeroy, Pool, Pratt, Ramsey, Scott, Sprague, Stewart, Sumner, Tipton, Williams, Wilson, Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Anthony, Bayard, Boreman, Buckingham, Cattell, Corbett, Davis, Edmunds, Fenton, Fowler, Gilbert, Harris, McCreery, Morrill, Morton, Osborn, Rice, Ross, Sawyer, Sherman, Spencer, Stockton, Thayer, Thurman, Trumbull, Vickers, Warner, Willey.

So the motion was not agreed to; and

After further debate,

On motion by Mr. Hamlin,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, (S. 62,) I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Thayer reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (S. 62) to incorporate the National Junction Railway Company.

The President *pro tempore* signed the enrolled bill (S. 62) last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The bills and joint resolutions last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bills H. R. 266, H. R. 267, H. R. 268, H. R. 269, H. R. 270, and H. R. 271, and the joint resolution H. R. 53, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs; that the joint resolution H. R. 51 be referred to the Committee on Appropriations; that the joint resolution H. R. 52 be referred to the Committee on Claims; and that the bill H. R. 272 be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion by Mr. Wilson, and by unanimous consent,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 237) to abolish the office of chief of staff to the General of the army; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate having resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 43) supplementary to an act entitled "An act to provide a national currency secured by a pledge of United States bonds, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof," approved June 3, 1864; and

On motion by Mr. McCreery, at half-past 5 o'clock p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, MARCH 29, 1869.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate resolutions of the legislature of the State of South Carolina, ratifying the amendment to the Constitution of the United States known as article fifteen.

Ordered, That they lie on the table and be printed.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate resolutions of the legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, ratifying the amendment to the Constitution of the United States known as article fifteen.

Ordered, That they lie on the table and be printed.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Interior, recommending an appropriation for the relief of the suffering and starving Indians of Dakota Territory; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, communicating, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate of the 19th instant, information in relation to the present condition, original cost, and present value of the Marine Hospital at New Orleans, Louisiana; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Hamlin presented the petition of Polly P. Rogers, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Sawyer presented the petition of G. P. Jacoby, praying compensation for money expended and for services rendered during the late war to the government of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Sumner presented the petition of the Society of Friends at Richmond, Virginia, praying for an endowment of fifty thousand dollars for the Friends' Asylum for Colored Orphans, in Richmond; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Howard presented resolutions of the legislature of the State of Michigan, in favor of an appropriation for the completion of the harbor at the mouth of the Ontonagon river.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Commerce and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Howard presented resolutions of the legislature of the State of Michigan, in relation to the necessity of causing the Indians of that State to be vaccinated.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and be printed.

Mr. Howard presented resolutions of the legislature of the State of Michigan, in favor of an appropriation to improve the harbor at the mouth of the Sheboygan river.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Howard presented a resolution of the legislature of the State of Michigan, in favor of the construction of a ship canal between Lake Erie and Lake Michigan.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Spencer presented the petition of Robert B. Lindsay, praying the removal of his political disabilities; which was referred to the Select Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Williams presented the memorial of Jacob M. Boyd, remonstrating against the passage of any bill confirming to Royal A. Peirce the title to certain land in Oregon, and praying that said title be confirmed to himself and other settlers on said land; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Sherman presented a petition of citizens of Ohio, praying an amendment to the Constitution of the United States acknowledging the obligations of the Christian religion; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Pool presented the petition of William M. Rhea, the petition of Robert H. Penland, the petition of Arthur Barnes, and the petition of Giles Mebane, praying the removal of their political disabilities; which were referred to the Select Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Kellogg presented the petition of W. Jasper Blackburn, in behalf of John L. Lewis; the petition of John E. King, the petition of M. A. Estevan, the petition of A. C. Banks, the petition of J. R. Head, the petition of Fred. Gates, the petition of George W. Mader, the petition of Robert J. Caldwell, the petition of Edward A. Burk, and the petition of members of the legislature of Louisiana and others, in behalf of Richard Charles Downes, praying the removal of their political disabilities; which were referred to the Select Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 42) respecting the pay and allowances of the enlisted men of the army, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution as in Committee of the Whole; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Military Affairs having been agreed to, the resolution was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the resolution be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a joint resolution (S. 48) to drop from the rolls of the army certain officers absent without leave; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Wilson presented a letter from the Secretary of War, addressed to the chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs, recommending the passage of a resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to drop from the rolls of the army certain officers absent without leave.

Mr. Harlan, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported certain amendments to be proposed to the bill (H. R. 123) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes for the year ending June 30, 1870; which were referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Howard, from the Committee on the Pacific Railroad, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 44) granting the right of way for the construction of a railroad from a point at or near Portland, Oregon, to some point west of the Cascade mountains, in the Territory of Washington, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Vickers, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, reported a bill (S. 215) to amend the usury laws of the District of Columbia; which was read and passed to a second reading.

On motion by Mr. Ferry.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 47) for the relief of J. and H. Sayles; and no amendment being made it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Sprague,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 194) to provide for loaning the public money, and for other purposes; and

On motion by Mr. Sprague,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Drake asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 216) to establish the office of solicitor and naval judge advocate general; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Williams asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 217) for the relief of James A. Waymire, of Oregon, second lieutenant 1st United States cavalry; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Williams presented papers relative to the claim for pay of Second Lieutenant James A. Waymire, 1st United States cavalry; which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sawyer asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 218) prescribing an oath of office to be taken by persons who participated in the late rebellion, but who are not disqualified from holding office by the 14th amendment to the Constitution of the United States; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kellogg asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 219) to confirm the charter of the New Orleans and Ship Island Canal Company, and to grant a right of way to the said company; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent. refered to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wilson asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 220) to remove the political disabilities of Alexander Rives,

of Virginia; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Select Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Wilson presented a letter of Alexander Rives, addressed to the Hon. Henry Wilson, in regard to the removal of his political disabilities; which was referred to the Select Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Pratt asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 221) for the relief of the sureties of Israel T. Canby, late receiver of public moneys at Crawfordsville, Indiana; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Pool asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 222) to relieve John Watts, of the State of Mississippi, from legal and political disabilities; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Select Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Pool asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 223) to relieve certain persons, therein named, from the legal and political disabilities imposed by the 14th amendment of the Constitution of the United States; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Select Committee on Political Disabilities, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Morton asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 49) directing the Secretary of the Interior to issue a patent to the Indiana Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends for a certain tract of land in the Shawnee reservation; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Scott asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 50) for the relief of John Montgomery; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Scott presented papers relating to the claim of John Montgomery, for the use and occupation of property by the army; which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Howe,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Charles K. Tuckerman, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Stockton,

Ordered, That F. M. Faircloth have leave to withdraw his petition and papers on the files of the Senate.

Mr. Patterson reported from the committee that, on the 25th instant, they presented to the President of the United States the enrolled bill (S. 62) to incorporate the National Junction Railway Company.

Mr. Kellogg submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

Resolved, That one thousand additional copies of the report of the Secretary of War, transmitting the report of the Chief of Engineers relative to guaranteeing the payment of certain bonds to be issued by the States of Louisiana, Arkansas, and Mississippi, for the purpose of building and repairing the levees in said States, be printed for the use of the Senate.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Porter his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed this day an act (S. 62) to incorporate the National Junction Railway Company.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Lloyd, chief clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 3) to repeal "An act regulating the tenure of certain civil offices."

The Senate proceeded to consider its amendment to the bill of the House (H. R. 3) to repeal "An act regulating the tenure of certain civil offices," disagreed to by the House of Representatives.

Mr. Trumbull submitted a motion that the Senate insist upon its amendment to the said bill, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon.

On motion by Mr. Grimes that the Senate recede from its amendment to the said bill disagreed to by the House of Representatives; and

After debate on the question,

Will the Senate recede from its amendment to the said bill?

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 20 / Nays 37

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Bayard, Casserly, Cole, Davis, Fenton, Fessenden, Fowler, Grimes, McCreery, McDonald, Morton, Pool, Robertson, Ross, Sprague, Stockton, Thayer, Thurman, Vickers, Warner.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Anthony, Boreman, Brownlow, Buckingham, Cameron, Carpenter, Cattell, Conkling, Cragin, Drake, Edmunds, Ferry, Gilbert, Hamlin, Harlan, Harris, Howard, Howe, Kellogg, Morrill, Nye, Patterson, Pomeroy, Pratt, Ramsey, Rice, Sawyer, Schurz, Scott, Spencer, Sumner, Tipton, Trumbull, Willey, Williams, Wilson.

So the Senate refused to recede from its amendment to the said bill.

The question recurring on the motion of Mr. Trumbull that the Senate insist upon its amendment and ask a conference,

It was determined in the affirmative.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate insist upon its amendment to the said bill, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon.

Ordered, That the conferees on the part of the Senate be appointed by the Vice-President; and

The Vice-President appointed Mr. Trumbull, Mr. Edmunds, and Mr. Grimes.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 43) supplementary to an act entitled "An act to provide a national currency secured by a pledge of United States bonds, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof," approved June 3, 1864; and the question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Pool to the amendment of Mr. Wilson,

After the consideration of executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 1869.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate the memorial of P. P. Pitchlynn and others, delegates of the Choctaw Indians, relative to their claim against the government under treaty stipulations; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Howard presented the memorial of the Universal Peace Union, praying the adoption of a humane policy towards the Indians; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Willey presented the petition of Jacob C. Matheny, praying the removal of his political disabilities; which was referred to the Select Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Cattell presented a petition of citizens of New Jersey, praying the repeal of the duty on foreign barley; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Ferry presented a petition of members of the bar of the sixth judicial circuit of Virginia, praying the removal of the political disabilities of Judge Joseph Christian; which was referred to the Select Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Gilbert presented the petition of Thomas Moore, praying the removal of his political disabilities; which was referred to the Select Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Kellogg presented the petition of George W. McCranie, praying the removal of his political disabilities; which was referred to the Select Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Anthony presented the memorial of Francis Skiddy and others, praying that a contract be made with them by the Postmaster General for the conveyance of the mails between the United States and European ports; which was referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Fowler presented a resolution of the legislature of the State of Tennessee, in favor of an appropriation for payment of services rendered to the government during the late war by Captain Daniel Ellis and Captain John Turner.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Fowler presented a resolution of the legislature of the State of Tennessee, in favor of an appropriation for payment of services rendered to the government by Isaac Bolinger and Andrew C. Fondrin during the late war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 46) for the protection of soldiers and their heirs, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time; and

On the question, Shall the resolution pass?

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to to-morrow.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 200) relating to freedmen's hospitals, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the following bills and joint resolution, and that they be referred to the Committee on Claims:

H. R. 266. An act for the relief of Abraham G. Snyder, of the Watervliet arsenal, at West Troy, New York.

H. R. 267. An act for the relief of Major Francis McKee, of Smith county, Tennessee.

H. R. 268. An act for the relief of Captain George E. Grisham, of Tennessee.

H. R. 269. An act for the relief of William E. Byrd, of Hancock county, State of Tennessee.

H. R. 270. An act for the relief of Henry B. Mears.

H. R. 271. An act for the relief of Colonel Samuel W. Price, of the 21st Kentucky volunteers.

H. R. 53. A joint resolution for the relief of Francis J. McDonald.

On motion by Mr. Hamlin,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Frederic Vincent, administrator of James Le Caze, surviving partner of the firm of Le Caze & Mallet, and the petition and papers of Haym Salomon, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Rice asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 224) to provide for the auditing, adjudicating, and payment of certain claims of loyal citizens of the United States; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Anthony asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 225) to authorize the Postmaster General to contract with certain parties and their successors and assigns for the transport of the mails between the United States and Europe in American steamers; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Anthony asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 226) to incorporate the Washington Homœopathic Medical Society; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Patterson asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 227) to incorporate the Columbia Railway Company of the District of Columbia; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cole asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 228) granting land to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Central Pacific railroad, in Nevada, to the Colorado river; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Harris asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (229) to incorporate the National Union Manufacturing and Publishing Company of Washington, District of Columbia; which was

read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Willey asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 51) exempting all the counties of the State of West Virginia from the operation of the act of Congress entitled "An act to declare the sense of an act entitled 'An act to restrict the jurisdiction of the Court of Claims, and to provide for the payment of certain demands for quartermasters' stores and subsistence supplies furnished to the army of the United States;'" which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cattell asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 52) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to refund penalty, interest, and costs illegally assessed and collected under direct tax laws; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Finance, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abbott asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 53) relating to certain brevet appointments; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kellogg asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 54) to distribute the number and rank of government employés among the several districts and territories; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Joint Select Committee on Retrenchment, and ordered to be printed.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Porter, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

In compliance with the request contained in the resolution of the Senate of the 17th instant, in regard to certain correspondence between James Buchanan, then President of the United States, and Lewis Cass, Secretary of State, I transmit a report from the Department of State, which is accompanied by a copy of the correspondence referred to.

U. S. GRANT.

WASHINGTON, *March* 29, 1869.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, communicating, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate of the 17th instant, information in relation to contracts with Norman Wiard for the fabrication and delivery of ordnance; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Morrill submitted the following resolution; which was considered by unanimous consent and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds be authorized to ascertain whether there are any buildings belonging to the United States available as a summer residence for the President of the United States.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Lloyd, chief clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the bill of the Senate (S. 44) to amend the judicial system of the United States, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate; and

It has agreed to the resolution of the Senate creating the Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate and the Committee on Accounts of the House of Representatives a joint committee to define the number, duties, and compensation of the employés of the two houses.

The President of the United States approved and signed, on the 29th instant, the joint resolution (H. R. 30) to supply omissions in the enrolment of certain appropriation acts approved March 3, 1869.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill of the Senate (S. 166) for the relief of Isabella C. Youngs, wife of Theophilus Youngs; and

It has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 335. An act for the relief of Jearum Atkins.

H. R. 336. An act for the relief of Alinzor Clark.

H. R. 64. Joint resolution authorizing the building of a railroad bridge over the Ohio river at Paducah, Kentucky.

The House of Representatives insists upon its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 3) to repeal an act regulating the tenure of certain civil offices, agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon, and has appointed Mr. B. F. Butler, Mr. C. C. Washburn, and Mr. Bingham, managers at the same on its part.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, S. 42 and H. R. 237, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 43) supplementary to an act entitled "An act to provide a national currency, secured by a pledge of United States bonds, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof," approved June 3, 1864; and the question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Pool to the amendment of Mr. Wilson,

On motion by Mr. Harlan that the further consideration of the said bill be postponed to to-morrow, and that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 123) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes for the year ending June 30, 1870,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 23 / Nays 30

On motion by Mr. Sherman,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Brownlow, Buckingham, Cole, Conkling, Corbett, Cragin, Ferry, Fessenden, Gilbert, Grimes, Hamlin, Harlan, Howard, Howe, Patterson, Pomeroy, Ross, Scott, Sprague, Sumner, Tipton, Williams, Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Bayard, Casserly, Cattell, Davis, Drake, Edmunds, Fowler, Harris, Kellogg, McCreery, Morrill, Morton, Nye, Osborn, Pool, Pratt, Ramsey, Rice, Robertson, Sawyer, Schurz, Sherman, Spencer, Stockton, Thayer, Thurman, Trumbull, Vickers, Warner.

So the motion was not agreed to; and

The question recurring on the amendment proposed by Mr. Pool to the amendment of Mr. Wilson to strike out section 4 of the said bill S. 43, and in lieu thereof insert a new section,

On motion by Mr. Sherman to amend the 4th section, (the part pro-

posed to be stricken out,) in line 25, by striking out the words "pro rata with banks," and in lieu thereof inserting the following: *with the banks having a circulation exceeding one million of dollars in States having an excess of circulation and withdrawing one-third of their circulation in excess of one million of dollars, and then proceeding pro rata with banks having a circulation exceeding one hundred thousand dollars,*

After debate,

It was determined in the affirmative; and

The question again recurring on the amendment proposed by Mr. Pool to the amendment of Mr. Wilson,

After further debate,

On motion by Mr. Morton further to amend the 4th section of the bill in line 13 by striking out the word "twenty" and inserting the word *thirty*, and in line 32 of the same section by striking out the word "twenty" and inserting the word *thirty*,

Pending debate thereon,

On motion by Mr. Fessenden that the Senate proceed to the consideration of executive business,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 13 / Nays 42

On motion by Mr. Sherman,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Brownlow, Buckingham, Chandler, Cragin, Fessenden, Harlan, Patterson, Ramsey, Scott, Sprague, Sumner, Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Bayard, Boreman, Casserly, Cole, Conkling, Corbett, Davis, Drake, Fenton, Fowler, Gilbert, Hamlin, Harris, Howe, Kellogg, McCreery, McDonald, Morrill, Morton, Nye, Osborn, Pomeroy, Pool, Pratt, Rice, Robertson, Ross, Sawyer, Schurz, Sherman, Spencer, Stockton, Thayer, Thurman, Tipton, Trumbull, Vickers, Warner, Willey, Williams, Wilson.

So the motion was not agreed to; and

After further debate,

On the question to agree to the amendment of Mr. Morton to the 4th section of the bill,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 32 / Nays 20

On motion by Mr. Morton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Bayard, Boreman, Cole, Davis, Fowler, Gilbert, Harlan, Harris, Howe, Kellogg, McCreery, McDonald, Morton, Nye, Osborn, Pomeroy, Pool, Pratt, Ramsey, Rice, Robertson, Sawyer, Schurz, Spencer, Stockton, Thayer, Thurman, Tipton, Warner, Willey, Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Brownlow, Buckingham, Cameron, Casserly, Cattell, Conkling, Corbett, Cragin, Drake, Fessenden, Hamlin, Morrill, Patterson, Sherman, Sprague, Sumner, Vickers, Williams, Wilson.

So the amendment of Mr. Morton was agreed to; and

The bill having been further amended in section 4 on the motion of Mr. Sawyer,

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Pool to the amendment of Mr. Wilson, to wit: Strike out all after the word "repealed" in line 8 of the amendment and in lieu thereof insert:

And in consideration of the banking privileges granted by said act, the

United States bonds which may be hereafter transferred and delivered to the Treasurer of the United States as a pledge, according to the provisions of said act, shall, during the time they remain so pledged, draw interest at the rate of no more than three per centum per annum, and no greater rate of interest shall be paid on the same for the time during which they remain so pledged. And all such bonds which have been already transferred and delivered to the Treasurer of the United States as a pledge, according to the provisions of said act, shall, from and after the 1st day of January, A. D. 1870, *draw interest at the rate of no more than three per centum per annum for the time during which they thereafter remain so pledged, and no greater rate of interest shall be paid on the same for said time;*

It was determined in the negative; and

On the question to agree to the amendment of Mr. Wilson, to wit: Strike out section 4 of the bill, and in lieu thereof insert:

That so much of section 22 of the act approved June 3, A. D. 1864, *entitled "An act to provide a national currency secured by a pledge of United States bonds, and to provide for the redemption and circulation thereof," as limits the amount of circulating notes to be issued to banking associations under said act to* $300,000,000, *is hereby repealed; but the amount of notes to be issued under said act to banking associations shall not exceed* $350,000,000. *And the increase of circulating notes hereby authorized shall be distributed among the States and Territories having less of circulating notes than an equal proportion according to population, and so as to equalize the distribution of such circulation among such States and Territories on the basis of population.*

SEC. —. *And be it further enacted, That whenever the amount of United States notes and circulating notes of national banks combined shall be in excess of* $656,000,000 *the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and required to fund in* 10-40 *bonds United States notes to the extent of such excess, until the amount of said notes outstanding shall be reduced to* $306,000,000,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 19 / Nays 32

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Buckingham, Cameron, Corbett, Cragin, Ferry, Fessenden, Fowler, Hamlin, Harlan, Morrill, Patterson, Pomeroy, Pool, Spencer, Sumner, Tipton, Williams, Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Bayard, Boreman, Brownlow, Casserly, Cattell, Cole, Davis, Drake, Gilbert, Harris, Howe, Kellogg, McCreery, McDonald, Morton, Nye, Pratt, Ramsey, Rice, Robertson, Sawyer, Schurz, Sherman, Stockton, Thayer, Thurman, Trumbull, Vickers, Warner, Willey, Yates.

So the amendment of Mr. Wilson was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Buckingham further to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause in the 4th section, and in lieu thereof inserting:

That to secure a better distribution of national banking currency in States and Territories having a less banking circulation than their pro rata share, banking associations may be organized in such States and Territories by funding in United States bonds United States notes. And whenever such associations, and banking associations already organized in such States and Territories, shall present United States notes to the Treasurer of the United States to an amount not exceeding the above-named sum of $100,000,000, *the Treasurer shall execute and hold as a deposit for such banking associations an equal*

mount of United States bonds, payable in fifteen years from the 1st day of uly, 1869, with interest semi-annually, at the rate of six per centum per nnum, and redeemable at the pleasure of the United States, which bonds hall be a basis upon which bank notes may be issued to such banking asso- iations in accordance with the provisions of law. But if such associations hall present United States notes to the Treasurer after the 1st day of July ext, they shall not be entitled to any interest for the time between the date f such bonds and the time of delivering such notes. And the Comptroller f the Currency is hereby authorized to determine the several States and Territories in which such banking associations may be established and the mount of bank note circulation which may be distributed in each; and in aking such determination he shall equalize the currency by distributing ne-half of the same according to the population, and one-half according to he value of all personal and real estate within such States and Territories, he same to be ascertained by the Secretary of the Treasury. And it is ereby provided, That whenever any banking association organized under his act, or whenever any association already organized shall increase its irculation under the provisions of this act, shall return any of its notes to he Treasurer of the United States for the purpose of reducing the amount f circulation or of closing the business of such association, the Treasurer hall cancel so many bonds deposited with him by such banking association s shall equal the amount of bonds deposited for the currency returned, first aying such association the par value of the bonds so cancelled,

After debate,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 19 / Nays 30

On motion by Mr. Buckingham,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Brownlow, Buckingham, Corbett, Cragin, Ferry, ssenden, Fowler, Hamlin, Harlan, Howe, Morrill, Nye, Patterson, omeroy, Sumner, Trumbull, Williams, Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Bayard, Boreman, Casserly, Cattell, Davis, Drake, nton, Gilbert, Harris, Kellogg, McCreery, McDonald, Morton, Pratt, amsey, Rice, Robertson, Sawyer, Schurz, Scott, Sherman, Spencer, ockton, Thurman, Tipton, Vickers, Warner, Willey, Yates.

So the amendment of Mr. Buckingham was not agreed to; and

No further amendment being made to the bill, it was reported to the nate; and

On the question to concur in the following amendment, made in Committee of the Whole, to wit: In section 4, line 13, strike out the word twenty" and insert *thirty*, and in line 32 of the same section strike it the word "twenty" and insert *thirty*,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 30 / Nays 15

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Bayard, Boreman, Brownlow, Cole, Corbett, Davis, wler, Gilbert, Harlan, Harris, Howe, McCreery, McDonald, Morton, ol, Pratt, Ramsey, Rice, Robertson, Ross, Sawyer, Schurz, Spencer, ockton, Thurman, Trumbull, Warner, Willey, Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Buckingham, Casserly, Cattell, Cragin, Drake,

Ferry, Hamlin, Morrill, Patterson, Scott, Sherman, Vickers, Williams, Wilson.

So the amendment was concurred in; and

The residue of the amendments made in Committee of the Whole having been concurred in; and

No further amendment being made to the bill,

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill of the Senate (S. 44) to amend the judicial system of the United States; and

On motion by Mr. Trumbull.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Thayer reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

S. 42. An act for the relief of Orlando Brown.

H. R. 237. An act to abolish the office of chief of staff to the General of the army.

The Vice-President signed the two enrolled bills (S. 42 and H. R. 237) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Lloyd, chief clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the bill of the Senate (S. 198) in addition to an act entitled "An act to relieve from legal and political disabilities certain persons engaged in the late rebellion," approved July 27, 1868; and

It has passed a bill (H. R. 334) for the coinage of nickel-copper pieces of five cents and under;

in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives has passed the following resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

Resolved, (The Senate concurring,) That the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate adjourn their respective houses of the forty-first Congress of the United States on Tuesday, the 6th day of April next, at 12 o'clock, meridian, without day.

The bills and joint resolution this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bill H. R. 334 be referred to the Committee on Finance; that the bills H. R. 335 and H. R. 336 be referred to the Committee on Patents; and that the joint resolution H. R. 64 be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion by Mr. Harlan,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 123) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1870; and

After the consideration of executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 1869.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Interior, communicating estimates for the compensation of the Surveyor General of Louisiana and the clerks in his office, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1870; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed a bill (H. R. 140) to amend an act entitled "An act imposing taxes on distilled spirits and tobacco, and for other purposes," approved July 20, 1868; in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, (S. 166 and S. 198,) I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Thayer reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

S. 166. An act for the relief of Isabella C. Youngs, wife of Theophilus Youngs.

S. 198. An act in addition to an act entitled "An act to relieve from legal and political disabilities certain persons engaged in the late rebellion," approved July 27, 1868.

The Vice-President signed the two enrolled bills (S. 166 and S. 198) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The bill (H. R. 140) last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Morton asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 230) for the relief of David Braden; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Morton presented a letter from David Braden in regard to his claim for commutation and extra pay; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Morton asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 231) to provide for the payment of horses and equipage lost or destroyed in the military service of the United States; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Navy, in answer to the resolution of the Senate of the 5th instant, in relation to contracts entered into by the Navy Department and Norman Wiard since the 1st day of January, 1861; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the following bill and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 351. An act to change certain land districts in the State of California.

H. R. 65. Joint resolution to facilitate the construction of the custom-house at Bangor, Maine.

The House of Representatives has agreed to the report of the com-

mittee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill of the House (H. R. 3) to repeal "An act regulating the tenure of certain civil offices."

The bill (H. R. 351) last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The joint resolution (H. R. 65) to facilitate the construction of the custom-house at Bangor, Maine, this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Trumbull, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill of the House (H. R. 3) to repeal "An act regulating the tenure of certain civil offices," submitted the following report:

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 3) to repeal "An act regulating the tenure of certain civil offices," having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend, and do recommend, to their respective houses as follows:

That the House of Representatives recede from its disagreement to the Senate amendment, and agree to the same with the following amendments:

Strike out all after the word "officer" in line 27 of the second section of the Senate amendment to the end of the section, and insert in lieu thereof the following: *Then, and not otherwise, the President shall nominate another person as soon as practicable to said session of the Senate for said office.*

Amend section 3 of the act to which this is an amendment, by inserting after the word "resignation" in line 3 of said section the words following: *or expiration of term of office.*

And the Senate agree to the same.

LYMAN TRUMBULL,
GEORGE F. EDMUNDS,
JAMES W. GRIMES,
Managers on the part of the Senate.
BENJAMIN F. BUTLER,
C. C. WASHBURN,
JOHN A. BINGHAM,
Managers on the part of the House.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report.

On motion by Mr. Thurman that the report lie on the table and be printed,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 8 / Nays..... 45

On motion by Mr. Thurman,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Bayard, Casserly, Davis, McCreery, Ross, Stockton, Thurman, Vickers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Anthony, Boreman, Brownlow, Buckingham, Cameron, Carpenter, Chandler, Cole, Conkling, Corbett, Cragin, Drake, Edmunds, Fenton, Ferry, Gilbert, Grimes, Hamlin, Harlan, Harris, Howard, Howe, Kellogg, Morrill, Osborn, Patterson, Pomeroy, Pool, Pratt, Ramsey, Rice, Sawyer, Schurz, Scott, Sherman, Spencer, Sprague, Sumner, Tipton, Trumbull, Willey, Williams, Wilson, Yates.

So the motion was not agreed to; and

On the question to agree to the report,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 42 / Nays..... 8

On motion by Mr. Trumbull,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Anthony, Boreman, Brownlow, Buckingham, Cameron, Carpenter, Chandler, Conkling, Corbett, Cragin, Drake, Edmunds, Fenton, Ferry, Gilbert, Grimes, Hamlin, Harlan, Harris, Howard, Kellogg, Morrill, Nye, Osborn, Patterson, Pomeroy, Pool, Pratt, Ramsey, Rice, Sawyer, Schurz, Scott, Spencer, Sumner, Tipton, Trumbull, Willey, Williams, Wilson, Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bayard, Casserly, Davis, McCreery, Sprague, Stockton, Thurman, Vickers.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill of the House (H. R. 3) to repeal "An act regulating the tenure of certain civil offices."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution of the House of Representatives fixing a day for the adjournment of the present session of Congress.

On motion by Mr. Hamlin to amend the resolution by striking out the words "Tuesday the sixth," and inserting the words *Saturday the tenth*,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Robertson to amend the resolution by striking out the words "Tuesday the sixth," and inserting the words *Thursday the fifteenth*,

After further debate,

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, which was the bill (H. R. 123) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1870; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Appropriations having been agreed to in part, and in part disagreed to,

After the consideration of executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1869.

The Vice-President presented the petition of John Duncan, praying to be relieved of political disabilities; which was referred to the Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Fenton presented the petition of E. D. Fisher, praying the removal of political disabilities; which was referred to the Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Spencer presented a petition of citizens of Alabama, praying that Monroe Donoho be relieved of political disabilities; which was referred to the Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Conkling presented the memorial of W. N. Walton and others, protesting against the passage of the joint resolution granting the right of way to the Memphis, El Paso and Pacific Railroad Company; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Harlan presented the petition of S. Longwith Lewis, praying the removal of political disabilities; which was referred to the Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Scott presented the petition of the Franklin Institute, of Pennsylvania, praying an appropriation to provide for observations of the total eclipse of the sun in August next; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Sumner presented the memorial of José N. Casanova, praying the interposition of the government for the protection of himself and brother from indignities received at the hands of the Spanish government of Cuba; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Sumner presented the memorial of Laura A. Turner, praying the removal of the remains of her husband, late acting master United States navy, from Rio Janeiro to the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

On motion by Mr. Sherman,

Ordered, That the memorial of Rowland Cromelien, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Willey presented the petition of Muscoe Garnett, the petition of William W. Mosely, the petition of C. Pate, the petition of R. S. Reynolds, the petition of John A. Smith, the petition of Joseph H. Sherrard, the petition of T. G. Elliott, the petition of Sidney E. Payne, the petition of William B. Watson, the petition of E. B. Arthur, the petition of Allan L. Wyllie, the petition of William H. Wooding, the petition of James R. Cullom, the petition of A. G. Dabney, the petition of William B. Payne, the petition of George K. Crutchfield, the petition of Lewis H. Garnett, the petition of Thomas H. Hunton, praying to be relieved of political disabilities; which were referred to the Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Wilson presented a petition of retired officers of the army, praying to be allowed their full salary as such military officers; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Patterson presented a petition of Thomas Jones and others, praying that a pension be granted to William P. Sturgeon; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Robertson,

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Willy Woodbridge.

Mr. Hamlin, from the Select Committee on Political Disabilities, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 4) requiring parties desiring to be relieved from political disabilities to make application to Congress, in writing, under their own signature, setting forth the ground upon which relief is asked, which shall be sworn to, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution as in Committee

of the Whole; and the amendments reported by the committee having been agreed to, the resolution was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the resolution be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the following bills, joint resolutions, and petitions, and that they be referred to the Committee on Claims:

S. 39. A bill for the relief of Anson B. Sams.

S. 217. A bill for the relief of James A. Waymire, of Oregon, second lieutenant first United States cavalry.

H. R. 46. An act for the relief of Samuel H. Moore, late a private in company G, 57th regiment Ohio veteran volunteer infantry.

S. 45. Joint resolution for the relief of John M. Broome, and others, the band of the 12th Kentucky infantry.

S. 50. Joint resolution for the relief of John Montgomery.

Petition of William H. Gould, praying the payment of one hundred dollars bounty.

Petition of James O. Carruthers, praying arrears of pay.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 10) directing the Secretary of War to sell Bergen Heights arsenal, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Grimes, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 216) to establish the office of solicitor and naval judge advocate general, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Sumner, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the bill (S. 115) relating to telegraphic communication between the United States and foreign countries, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Sumner, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, submitted a report (No. 4) accompanied by a bill (S. 232) to refund to the States of Massachusetts and Maine interest paid by them on advances to the United States, and to provide for the defence of the northeastern frontier; which was read and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Willey, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 221) for the relief of the sureties of Israel T. Canby, late receiver of public moneys at Crawfordsville, Indiana, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 5) thereon, which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Pomeroy, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 124) granting lands to the State of Minnesota to aid in constructing a railroad from Lake Superior to Vermilion Lake, in said State, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by him on the 10th of March, to print additional copies of the report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, for the year 1868, reported the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate, (the House of Representatives concurring,) That there be printed five thousand extra copies of the annual report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office for 1868, (without illustrations or maps, except the connected maps of the United States,) for the use of the Senate, fifteen thousand copies of the same for the use of

the House, and two thousand copies of the same for distribution by the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, reported the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved by the Senate, (the House of Representatives concurring,) That there be printed twenty thousand extra copies of the annual report of the Commissioner of Agriculture, for the use of the Senate, one hundred and eighty thousand copies of the same for the use of the House, and twenty-three thousand copies of the same for distribution by the Commissioner of Agriculture.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the said resolution.

On motion by Mr. Howe,

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of R. B. Williamson, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Abbott, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 53) relating to certain brevet appointments, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Warner, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 109) to revive the grant of lands to aid in the construction of a railroad from Selma to Gadsden, in the State of Alabama, and to confirm the same to the Selma, Rome and Dalton Railroad Company, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, it was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 34) authorizing the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to appoint guardians or trustees for minor Indian children who may be entitled to pensions or bounties under the existing laws, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Ramsey, from the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 64) authorizing the build-

ing of a railroad bridge over the Ohio river at Paducah, Kentucky, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider said resolution as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Hamlin that 1,000 additional copies of the report made by Mr. Sumner, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, (No. 4,) relative to refunding to the States of Massachusetts and Maine interest paid by them on advances made to the United States, and to provide for the defence of the northeastern frontier;

On motion by Mr. Hamlin,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Conkling asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 233) for the relief of Samuel Pierce; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Conkling presented the petition of Samuel Pierce, praying an extension of patent; which was referred, with the foregoing bill, to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Harlan asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 234) relating to the acknowledgment of deeds or other instruments of writing in the District of Columbia; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Harlan asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 235) in relation to the exemplification of public records; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Rice asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 236) to extend the time for the Little Rock and Fort Smith Railroad Company to complete the first section of twenty miles of said road; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the Pacific Railroad, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fenton asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, consent to bring in a bill (S. 237) for the encouragement of yachting, improvement in naval architecture, cultivation of naval science, and amendatory of the act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to license yachts; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Tipton asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 238) granting lands and the right of way to the Denver Central and Georgetown Railway Company; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Tipton asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 239) granting the right of way and aid in public lands to the Denver, South Park, and Rio Grande Railway and Telegraph Company; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Tipton asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring

in a bill (S. 240) granting lands to aid in the construction of a railroad from Brownsville, Nebraska, to intersect the Union Pacific railroad; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wilson asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 241) to relinquish the interest of the United States in certain lands to the city and county of San Francisco; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ramsey asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 242) for the relief of Elizabeth Odell, Mary Woodbury, and others, half-breed women of the Sioux tribe of Indians; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Thayer asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 243) amending the pre-emption and homestead laws so as to require the planting of trees on homestead and pre-emption settlements; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sumner asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 244) for the removal of disabilities from the persons therein named; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Political Disabilities, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Osborn asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 245) to secure the completion of the Washington and Lincoln monuments; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Spencer asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 246) to relieve certain persons of all political disabilities imposed by the fourteenth article of the amendments to the Constitution of the United States; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Political Disabilities, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Williams asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 247) relative to the military reservations at Fort Dalles, in Oregon; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Willey asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 248) relating to copies of drawings in the Patent Office, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Patents, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wilson asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 55) donating material to the Industrial Home School of the District of Columbia; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kellogg asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 56) granting a right of way to the New Orleans and Ship Island Canal Company; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sumner asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 57) postponing the election in Texas; which was

read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Pomeroy,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (S. 19) enabling actual settlers to purchase certain lands of the Great and Little Osage Indians; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Public Lands having been agreed to, the resolution was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the resolution be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the following bill and joint resolution of the Senate:

S. 190. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide a national currency secured by a pledge of United States bonds, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof," approved June 3, 1864, by extending certain penalties to accessories.

S. 42. Joint resolution respecting the pay and allowances of enlisted men of the army; and

It has passed a bill (H. R. 358) for the relief of Joseph P. Fyffe, commander in the United States navy, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill (H. R. 3) and an enrolled joint resolution, (H. R. 65,) I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Thayer reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bill and joint resolution:

H. R. 3. An act to amend "An act regulating the tenure of certain civil offices."

H. R. 65. Joint resolution to facilitate the construction of the custom-house at Bangor, Maine.

The Vice-President signed the enrolled bill H. R. 3, and the enrolled joint resolution H. R. 65, last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Thayer reported from the committee that they yesterday presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 42. An act for the relief of Orlando Brown.

S. 166. An act for the relief of Isabella C. Youngs, wife of Theophilus Youngs.

S. 198. An act in addition to an act entitled "An act to relieve from legal and political disabilities certain persons engaged in the late rebellion," approved July 27, 1868.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Porter, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed this day the following acts:

S. 42. An act for the relief of Orlando Brown.

S. 166. An act for the relief of Isabella C. Youngs, wife of Theophilus Youngs.

S. 198. An act in addition to an act entitled "An act to relieve from legal and political disabilities certain persons engaged in the late rebellion," approved July 27, 1868.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill (S. 190) and an enrolled joint resolution, (S. 42,) I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Thayer reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bill and joint resolution:

S. 190. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide a national currency secured by a pledge of United States bonds, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof," approved June 3, 1864, by extending certain penalties to accessories.

S. 42. Joint resolution respecting the pay and allowances of enlisted men of the army.

The Vice-President signed the enrolled bill (S. 190) and the enrolled joint resolution (S. 42) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 123) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1870, and for other purposes; and the bill having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Harlan, from the Committee on Indian Affairs,

After the consideration of executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 1869.

The bill (H. R. 358) yesterday received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Cattell presented the petition of Richard S. Hunt, praying for the removal of political disabilities; which was referred to the Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Wilson presented the petition of Charles Gaylord, praying protection and aid in making a survey for a ship railway across the Isthmus of Darien; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Howard presented a joint resolution of the legislature of Michigan, relating to navigation between the United States and Canada; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce and be printed.

Mr. Wilson presented the petition of John F. McGuffin, the petition of A. S. Lipscomb, the petition of J. E. Mattingly, the petition of Thomas Gotts, and the petition of Charles L. S. Jones, praying to be relieved of political disabilities; which were referred to the Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Sumner presented the petition of W. C. Holland, praying the removal of political disabilities; which was referred to the Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Drake presented the memorial of Union men of Kentucky, protesting against the removal of political disabilities from Kentucky rebels; which was referred to the Committee on Political Disabilities.

On motion by Mr. Casserly,

Ordered, That the memorial of Samuel S. Butterworth, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion by Mr. Howe,

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the following bills:

S. 98. A bill to authorize the appointment of a board of commissioners to examine the claims of loyal persons in the States lately in rebellion, for supplies furnished the military forces of the United States.

S. 100. A bill to provide for the payment of claims to loyal citizens lately in rebellion.

Mr. Howe, from the Committee on Claims, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill (S. 249) for the settlement of claims for quartermaster and commissary stores furnished to or taken by the United States within the States in rebellion during the war; which was read and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Rice, from the Committee on the Pacific Railroad, to whom was referred the bill (S. 236) to extend the time for the Little Rock and Fort Smith Railroad Company to complete the first section of twenty miles of said road, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Thayer, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 2) for the relief of John E. Reeside, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 6) thereon; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sherman asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 250) in relation to the coinage of gold and silver; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Finance, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Trumbull, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 44) to amend the judicial system of the United States, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Wilson asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 58) for the protection of soldiers and their heirs; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed a joint resolution (H. R. 69) relating to buildings used for military purposes in the city of New York, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate; and

It has passed the joint resolution of the Senate (S. 33) relating to government buildings at Fort Totten, Dakota Territory, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Howe that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 11) extending the time to construct a railroad from the St. Croix river or lake to the west end of Lake Superior and to Bayfield,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 25 / Nays..... 22

On motion by Mr. Howe,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Carpenter, Davis, Drake, Fessenden, Grimes, Hamlin, Harlan, Howard, Howe, Kellogg, McCreery, McDonald, Norton, Nye, Ramsey,

Ross, Sawyer, Sherman, Stockton, Sumner, Thayer, Tipton, Warner, Willey, Williams.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Anthony, Bayard, Brownlow, Cameron, Casserly, Conkling, Corbett, Gilbert, Harris, Morrill, Osborn, Patterson, Pool, Pratt, Rice, Robertson, Scott, Stewart, Thurman, Trumbull, Vickers.

So the motion was agreed to; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution as in Committee of the Whole; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Public Lands having been agreed to,

On motion by Mr. Morrill that the said resolution be recommitted to the Committee on Public Lands,

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said resolution be postponed to to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 123) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1869, and for other purposes; and the bill having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Harlan, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in; and

The bill having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Harlan, on the motion of Mr. Thayer, and on the motion of Mr. Ross,

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill, as amended, was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The joint resolution (H. R. 69) last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Thayer,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (H. R. 6) for the protection of the interests of the United States in the Union Pacific Railway Company, and for other purposes; and

After the consideration of executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 1869.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the joint resolution (S. 33) relating to government buildings at Fort Totten, Dakota Territory; and

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

Resolved, That the Senate agree to the amendment of the House of Representatives to the said resolution.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Morrill presented the memorial of A. L. Bogart, praying the introduction of Wilson's electric lighter over the Senate chamber; which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was

referred the joint resolution (S. 9) granting the right of way to the Memphis, El Paso and Pacific Railroad Company, from El Paso to the Pacific ocean, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Rice, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 29) for the relief of Blanton Duncan, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Sumner asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 251) to repeal an act entitled "An act to prevent the importation of certain persons into certain States where by the laws thereof their admission is prohibited;" which was read the first and second times by unanimous consent.

Mr. Cole asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 59) making San Diego, California, a port of delivery; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Wilson submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to consider the expediency of passing an act more clearly defining the meaning of the act making eight hours a day's work for mechanics and laborers in the service of the United States.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Interior, communicating information from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, relative to the reimbursement to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indian fund of $7,008, used out of that fund by the department; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Interior, communicating information in relation to depredations committed upon the Otoe and Missouri Indians, and the murder of four of their people by white men, and recommending an appropriation to reimburse said Indians for the loss sustained, and to keep them peaceable and quiet; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Sherman, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 140) to amend an act entitled "An act imposing taxes on distilled spirits and tobacco, and for other purposes," approved July 20, 1868, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Sherman presented a statement prepared in the Office of Internal Revenue, to accompany the foregoing bill; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sawyer asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 252) to provide for the sale of certain lots and lands of the sea islands of Beaufort county, South Carolina, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed a joint resotion (H. R. 48) granting the right of way for the construction of a railroad from a point at or near Portland, Oregon, to a point west of the Cascade mountains in Washington Territory, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled joint resolution, (H. R. 64,) I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Thayer reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the joint resolution (H. R. 64) authorizing the building of a railroad bridge over the Ohio river at Paducah, Kentucky.

The Vice-President signed the enrolled joint resolution (H. R. 64) last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The joint resolution (H. R. 48) last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Pacific Railroad.

On motion by Mr. Howe,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 11) extending the time to construct a railroad from the St. Croix river, or lake, to the west end of Lake Superior and to Bayfield; and the question being on the motion of Mr. Morrill to recommit the resolution to the Committee on Public Lands,

After debate,

On the question to agree to the motion of Mr. Morrill,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 17 / Nays..... 26

On motion by Mr. Howe,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Bayard, Cole, Conkling, Davis, Edmunds, Gilbert, Hamlin, Morrill, Nye, Patterson, Pratt, Robertson, Schurz, Scott, Sherman, Stewart, Thayer.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Boreman, Brownlow, Carpenter, Chandler, Fenton, Fowler, Grimes, Harris, Howard, Howe, McDonald, Morton, Norton, Osborn, Pool, Ramsey, Rice, Sawyer, Stockton, Sumner, Tipton, Trumbull, Willey, Williams, Wilson.

So the motion was not agreed to; and

After further debate,

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, which was the joint resolution (H. R. 6) for the protection of the interests of the United States in the Union Pacific Railway Company.

On motion by Mr. Howe that the further consideration of said resolution (H. R. 6) be postponed for thirty minutes, and that the Senate continue the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 11,)

It was determined in the affirmative; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said joint resolution (S. 11) extending the time to construct a railroad from the St. Croix river, or lake, to the west end of Lake Superior and to Bayfield; and being further amended on the motion of Mr. Nye, the resolution was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

The resolution being further amended on the motion of Mr. Harlan and on the motion of Mr. Scott,

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time; and

On the question, Shall the resolution pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 25 / Nays..... 14

On motion by Mr. Stewart,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Bayard, Carpenter, Casserly, Chandler, Drake, Fenton, Grimes, Harlan, Harris, Howard, Howe, Kellogg, Morton, Norton, Pratt, Ramsey, Rice, Sawyer, Stockton, Sumner, Tipton, Trumbull, Willey, Williams.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brownlow, Cameron, Conkling, Davis, Edmunds, Hamlin, Morrill, Nye, Robertson, Schurz, Scott, Sherman, Stewart, Warner.

So it was

Resolved, That the resolution pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate again resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (H. R. 6) for the protection of the interests of the United States in the Union Pacific Railway Company, and for other purposes.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds that the further consideration of the said resolution (H. R. 6) be postponed for thirty minutes, and that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the resolution of the House of Representatives fixing a day for the adjournment of the present session of Congress,

It was determined in the affirmative; and

The Senate resumed the consideration of the said resolution; and

The question being on the amendment of Mr. Robertson, to strike out the words "Tuesday the 6th," and insert the words *Thursday the 15th*,

After debate,

On the question to agree to the amendment,

It was determined in the negative.

The question recurring on the amendment proposed by Mr. Hamlin, to strike out "*Tuesday the 16th*," and insert the words *Saturday the 10th*.

On motion by Mr. Fessenden to amend the resolution by striking out the words "Tuesday the 6th," and insert the words *Tuesday the 13th*,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 24 / Nays..... 29

On motion by Mr. Sumner,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Brownlow, Carpenter, Corbett, Cragin, Drake, Fessenden, Grimes, Harlan, Howe, Kellogg, Morton, Pratt, Rice, Ross, Sawyer, Schurz, Sherman, Spencer, Sprague, Sumner, Thayer, Warner, Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Bayard, Cameron, Casserly, Cole, Conkling, Davis, Edmunds, Fenton, Gilbert, Hamlin, Harris, Howard, McCreery, Morrill, Norton, Nye, Patterson, Pomeroy, Ramsey, Scott, Stewart, Stockton, Thurman, Tipton, Trumbull, Vickers, Willey, Williams.

So the amendment of Mr. Fessenden was not agreed to; and

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Hamlin, to strike out the words "Tuesday the 6th," and insert *Saturday the 10th*,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 35 / Nays..... 19

On motion by Mr. Sumner,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Bayard, Boreman, Cameron, Carpenter, Casserly, Cole, Conkling, Davis, Edmunds, Fenton, Gilbert, Grimes, Hamlin, Harris, Howard, Howe, McCreery, Morrill, Morton, Nye, Patterson, Pratt, Ramsey, Ross, Scott, Stewart, Stockton, Thurman, Tipton, Trumbull, Vickers, Willey, Williams, Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Brownlow, Corbett, Cragin, Davis, Fessenden, Harlan, Kellogg, Morton, Rice, Robertson, Sawyer, Schurz, Sherman, Spencer, Sprague, Sumner, Thayer, Warner.

So the amendment was agreed to; and

The resolution having been amended to read as follows:

"*Resolved*, (the Senate concurring,) That the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate adjourn their respective houses of the forty-first Congress of the United States on Saturday the 10th instant at 12 o'clock meridian, without day,"

On the question to agree to the resolution as amended,

It was determined in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

On motion by Mr. Nye that the Senate proceed to the consideration of executive business,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 21 / Nays..... 24

On motion by Mr. Thayer,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Bayard, Brownlow, Casserly, Cole, Davis, Drake, Kellogg, McCreery, McDonald, Nye, Pratt, Ramsey, Rice, Scott, Sprague, Stewart, Stockton, Thurman, Vickers, Warner, Williams.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Anthony, Carpenter, Conkling, Corbett, Edmunds, Gilbert, Grimes, Harlan, Harris, Howard, Howe, Morrill, Patterson, Robertson, Ross, Sawyer, Sherman, Spencer, Sumner, Thayer, Tipton, Trumbull, Wilson.

So the motion was not agreed to; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (H. R. 6) for the protection of the interests of the United States in the Union Pacific Railway Company; and

An amendment being proposed by Mr. Howard, and an amendment to the amendment being proposed by Mr. Sherman,

On motion by Mr. Davis that the resolution be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary,

After debate and the consideration of executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, APRIL 5, 1869.

Mr. Willey presented the petition of William Waller, the petition of A. B. Dickinson, the petition of Robert M. Dickinson, the petition of Robert Pollard, jr., and the petition of Alpheus F. Haymond, praying to be relieved of political disabilities; which were referred to the Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Boreman presented the petition of Andrew B. Evans and the petition of Edward K. Snead, praying to be relieved of political disabilities; which were referred to the Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Trumbull presented the petition of R. M. McKay, praying to be relieved of political disabilities; which was referred to the Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Spencer presented the petition of James Critcher, praying to be relieved of political disabilities; which was referred to the Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Howard presented a joint resolution of the legislature of Michigan, in favor of an appropriation to aid the geological survey of that State; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Howard presented a joint resolution of the legislature of Michigan, asking an appropriation to improve Portage lake and river, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Howard presented a resolution of the legislature of Michigan, in favor of the passage of an act granting pensions to the surviving soldiers of the war of 1812; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Howard presented a joint resolution of the legislature of Michigan, in favor of the passage of an act granting a pension to Elmina Brainard; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Trumbull,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 60) legalizing the stamping of certain subscription papers executed and issued to the Iowa Northern Central Railroad Company, and that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Trumbull, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 97) to fix the salary of the bailiff of the Court of Claims, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Trumbull, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 218) prescribing an oath of office to be taken by persons who participated in the late rebellion, but who are not disqualified from holding office by the fourteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Thurman, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 95) for the sale of the Hot Springs reservation, in Arkansas, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Schurz asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 253) to create St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, and Cincinnati, in the State of Ohio, ports of entry and to regulate the appraisement and inspection of imports in certain cases; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sumner asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 254) to prevent the courts of the United States from enforcing contracts concerning slaves; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wilson asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 255) supplementary to an act entitled "An act for the relief of certain companies of scouts and guides organized in Alabama," approved March 3, 1869; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Morton asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 256) in relation to bridges across the Ohio river; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Drake asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring

in a joint resolution (S. 60) in relation to the officers of certain Missouri troops; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

Ordered, That the memorial of A. L. Bogart, praying the introduction of Wilson's electric lighter over the Senate, be printed.

On motion by Mr. Anthony,

Ordered, That the children of Henry T. Irish have leave to withdraw from the files of the Senate their petition and papers.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter from the Secretary of the Interior, communicating an estimate of appropriation for the payment of certain clerks in the Indian Bureau; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Fessenden asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 257) to reorganize the Department of State and to reduce the expenses thereof; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Joint Select Committee on Retrenchment, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fessenden asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 258) to reorganize the Treasury Department and fix the pay of its officers; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Joint Select Committee on Retrenchment, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Chandler asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 61) extending the time for the completion of the Portage Lake and Lake Superior ship canal; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Robertson, from the Select Committee on the Removal of Political Disabilities, reported a bill (S. 259) to remove political disabilities from certain persons; which was read and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Howe, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 4) relating to steamboats and other vessels owned in the loyal States, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Thayer reported from the committee that they this day presented to the President of the United States the following bill and joint resolutions:

S. 190. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide a national currency secured by a pledge of United States bonds, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof," approved June 3, 1864, by extending certain penalties to accessories.

S. 33. Joint resolution relating to government buildings at Fort Totten, Dakota Territory.

S. 42. Joint resolution respecting the pay and allowances of enlisted men of the army.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed a bill (H. R. 354) making appropriations and to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the government for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1869, and June 30, 1870, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the resolution of the House fixing a day for the adjournment of the present session of Congress without day.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled joint resolution, (S. 33,) I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of its President.

The House of Representatives has passed the following bills and joint resolution of the Senate:

S. 185. An act to continue in force an act entitled "An act to extend the charter of the city of Washington," &c.

S. 195. An act to carry into effect the convention of July 4, 1868, between the United States and Mexico, for the adjustment of claims.

S. 8. Joint resolution for the relief of settlers upon the absentee Shawnee lands in Kansas; and

It has passed a joint resolution (H. R. 73) relative to the Cherokee neutral lands in the State of Kansas and the late treaties respecting the same, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The joint resolution (H. R. 73) last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The bill (H. R. 354) this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Thayer reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the joint resolution (S. 33) relating to government buildings at Fort Totten, Dakota Territory.

The Vice-President signed the enrolled joint resolution (S. 33) last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Fessenden, from the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 51) authorizing the transfer of certain appropriations heretofore made, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution, as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Chandler,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 12) to authorize the New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company to land its submarine cable upon the shores of the United States; and the question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Stockton,

Pending debate,

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment on Saturday last, which was the joint resolution (H. R. 6) for the protection of the interests of the United States in the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed the consideration of the said resolution as in Committee of the Whole; and

Mr. Davis having withdrawn the motion submitted by him on Saturday last, to refer the resolution to the Committee on the Judiciary,

The question recurred on the amendment of Mr. Sherman to the amendment proposed by Mr. Howard, to wit: In line 4, section 2, of the amendment strike out the words "upon the general route already ap-

proved," and in lieu thereof insert, *according to the legal rights of the respective companies.*

After debate and the consideration of executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 1869.

The President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Interior, recommending an appropriation for the relief of the Flathead Indians in Montana; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Rice presented a memorial of citizens of Arkansas, praying that the third article of the treaty of April 26, 1866, with the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians, be rescinded; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Howe presented the petition of Jacob L. W. Doxtater, praying compensation for services as interpreter for the Oneida tribe of Indians; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Sawyer presented the petition of James Simons, praying to be relieved of political disabilities; which was referred to the Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the motion to print extra copies of the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations on the claim of the States of Maine and Massachusetts for interest on certain advances made to the United States, submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That there be printed and deposited with the Committee on Foreign Relations, for the use of the Senate, 1,000 extra copies of Senate report (No. 4) from the Committee on Foreign Relations, relative to refunding to the States of Massachusetts and Maine the interest paid by them on advances made to the United States, and to provide for the defence of the northeastern frontier.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Mr. Kellogg on the 29th of March, to print extra copies of the report of the Secretary of War in relation to the levees of the Mississippi river, reported in favor of printing the same; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Mr. Stewart on the 22d of March, to print additional copies of the report of Professor Raymond on mines and mining, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the resolution as amended was agreed to as follows:

Resolved by the Senate, (the House of Representatives concurring,) That five thousand copies of the report of Professor Raymond on mines and mining be printed for the use of the Senate.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Sumner, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the memorial of Laura A. Turner, praying the removal of the remains of her late husband, from Rio Janeiro to the United States, reported adversely thereon.

Mr. Sumner, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was

referred the report of the Secretary of War upon the military importance of San Juan island, reported that the same be printed; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Cragin, from the Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate, to whom was referred the resolution of the Senate of the 20th ultimo, instructing the committee to inquire into the mode of appointment and tenure of office of the subordinate officers of the Senate, submitted a report (No. 8) thereon; which was read.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Ramsey, from the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, submitted a communication from the Postmaster General, addressed to him as chairman of that committee, in relation to cheap ocean postage; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sherman, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the petition of William J. Patton, collector of internal revenue 2d district of Arkansas, reported adversely thereon.

Mr. Willey, from the Committee on Patents, to whom was referred the petition of Polly Hunt, submitted a report (No. 7) accompanied by a bill (S. 260) for the relief of Polly Hunt, administratrix, and George W. Hunt, administrator of the estate of Walter Hunt, deceased; which was read and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Fessenden, from the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 354) making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the government for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1869, and June 30, 1870, and for other purposes, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Sherman, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 21) authorizing payment to be made for certain services rendered to the United States in the late insurrectionary States, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Sherman, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was reported the bill (S. 60) legalizing the stamping of certain subscription papers executed and issued to the Northern Central Iowa Railroad Company, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Abbott, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 36) respecting the retirement of Brevet Major General S. P. Heintzelman, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Chandler, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 61) extending the time for the completion of the Portage Lake and Lake Superior ship canal, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Corbett, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 59) making San Diego, California, a port of delivery, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution, as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Morrill, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 44) to authorize works of art intended for free exhibition to be introduced into the United States without payment of duty, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution, as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

Resolved, That the said resolution be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Patterson asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 261) to reorganize the clerical force of the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Joint Select Committee on Retrenchment, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Patterson submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

Resolved by the Senate, (the House of Representatives concurring,) That three thousand extra copies of the report of the Committee on Retrenchment, relating to the diplomatic and consular service, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Morton submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to pay the senators from the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Arkansas, and Louisiana, the compensation allowed by law, to be computed from the commencement of the second session of the 40th Congress.

Mr. Robertson asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 262) to provide for the removal of political disabilities; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Select Committee on the Removal of Political Disabilities, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Warner asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 263) to establish certain post roads in the State of Alabama; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion by Mr. Sawyer,

Ordered, That Sister Xavier have leave to withdraw from the files of the Senate the petition of the Sisters of Mercy, of Charleston, and the petition of members of the South Carolina legislature, praying an appropriation to rebuild the orphan asylum at Charleston; also that the heirs and representatives of Miss Harriet Pinckney, praying the restoration to them of Pinckney island, South Carolina, upon payment of taxes, have leave to withdraw their petition and papers from the files of the Senate.

Mr. Fenton presented papers in relation to the application of the Davenport Female Orphan Asylum to be relieved from taxation on their property; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Edmunds submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

Resolved, That five thousand additional copies of the report of the Joint Select Committee on Retrenchment, made March 3, 1869, be printed, without the testimony, for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Abbott,

Ordered, That the Senate take a recess this day from half-past 4 o'clock to half-past 7 o'clock p. m.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the bill of the Senate (S. 200) relating to freedmen's hospitals; and

It has passed the joint resolution of the Senate (S. 19) enabling actual settlers to purchase certain lands of the Great and Little Osage Indians, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled joint resolution, (H. R. 51,) I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of its President.

The President of the United States approved and signed, on the 3d instant, the following act and joint resolution:

H. R. 237. An act to abolish the office of chief of staff to the General of the army;

H. R. 65. Joint resolution to facilitate the construction of the custom-house at Bangor, Maine; and

On the 5th instant, he approved and signed an act (H. R. 3) to amend "An act regulating the tenure of certain civil offices."

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Porter, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed, this day, the following act and joint resolutions:

S. 190. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide a national currency secured by a pledge of United States bonds, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof," approved June 3, 1864, by extending certain penalties to accessories.

S. 33. A joint resolution relating to government buildings at Fort Totten, Dakota Territory.

S. 42. A joint resolution respecting the pay and allowances of enlisted men of the army.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Thayer reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the joint resolution (H. R. 51) authorizing the transfer of certain appropriations heretofore made.

The Vice-President signed the enrolled joint resolution (H. R. 51) last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be presented to the President of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Rice,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 236) to extend the time for the Little Rock and Fort Smith Railroad Company to complete the first section of twenty miles of said road; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 256. An act to provide for taking the ninth census.

H. R. 403. An act to establish certain post roads.

H. R. 404. An act to repeal an act of the legislature of New Mexico imposing a capitation tax on bovine cattle.

The House of Representatives has passed a resolution to suspend the 16th and 17th joint rules of the two houses for the remainder of the session, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the joint resolution of the Senate (S. 19) enabling actual settlers to purchase certain lands of the Great and Little Osage Indians; and

On motion by Mr. Pomeroy,

Resolved, That the Senate disagree to the amendments of the House of Representatives to the said resolution, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon.

Ordered, That the conferees on the part of the Senate be appointed by the Vice-President; and

The Vice-President appointed Mr. Pomeroy, Mr. Harlan, and Mr. Davis.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Williams,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 94) to amend an act entitled "An act granting lands to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Central Pacific railroad, in California, to Portland, in Oregon," approved July 25, 1866; and

An amendment being proposed by Mr. Williams, and an amendment to the amendment being proposed by Mr. Conkling,

Pending debate,

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, which was the joint resolution (H. R. 6) for the protection of the interests of the United States in the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and for other purposes; and

The question being on the amendment of Mr. Sherman to the amendment of the Committee on the Pacific Railroad,

On motion by Mr. Williams that the said joint resolution (H. R. 6) be postponed for thirty minutes for the purpose of continuing the consideration of the bill S. 94,

It was determined in the affirmative; and

The Senate continued, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill, S. 94; and

Pending further debate thereon,

The Vice-President announced that the time to which the unfinished business had been postponed had arrived, and called up the joint resolution (H. R. 6) for the protection of the interests of the United States in the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and for other purposes; and

The question being on the following amendment, proposed by Mr. Sherman to the amendment of the committee, to wit: in line 4, section 2 of the amendment, strike out the words "upon the general route already approved," and insert the words *according to the legal rights of the respective companies.*

After debate,

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 43 / Nays 6

On motion by Mr. Howard,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Anthony, Bayard, Boreman, Brownlow, Cameron, Carpenter, Cattell, Chandler, Cole, Conkling, Corbett, Cragin, Fenton, Fessenden, Fowler, Gilbert, Hamilton, Hamlin, Harlan, Harris, Morrill, Morton, Patterson, Pratt, Ramsey, Robertson, Ross, Sawyer, Schurz, Scott, Sherman, Spencer, Stockton, Sumner, Thayer, Thurman, Tipton, Warner, Willey, Williams, Wilson, Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Davis, Howard, McDonald, Norton, Nye, Osborn.

So the amendment of Mr. Sherman to the reported amendment was agreed to; and

The amendment of the committee having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Davis, by inserting an additional section; and

A further amendment being proposed by Mr. Howard to the second section of the amendment of the committee,

After debate and the consideration of executive business,

The hour fixed by the order of the Senate this day for a recess having arrived,

The Senate took a recess until half-past 7 o'clock p. m.

HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK P. M.

The bills this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bill H. R. 403 be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, and that the bills H. R. 256 and H. R. 404 lie on the table.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Lloyd, chief clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed three enrolled bills (S. 185, S. 195, and S. 200) and an enrolled joint resolution, (S. 8,) I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Thayer reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills and joint resolution:

S. 185. An act to continue in force an act entitled "An act to extend the charter of Washington City," and so forth.

S. 195. An act to carry into effect the convention of July 4, 1868, between the United States and Mexico, for the adjustment of claims.

S. 200. An act relating to freedmen's hospitals.

S. 8. Joint resolution for the relief of settlers upon the absentee Shawnee lands in Kansas.

The Vice-President signed the three enrolled bills (S. 185, S. 195, and S. 200) and an enrolled joint resolution (S. 8) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution of the House of Representatives to suspend the 16th and 17th joint rules of the two houses for the residue of the present session; and

Resolved, That the Senate agree to the said resolution.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration

of the joint resolution (H. R. 6) for the protection of the interests of the United States in the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and for other purposes; and

The question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Howard to the second section of the amendment reported from the Committee on the Pacific Railroad,

On motion by Mr. Abbott that the said resolution (H. R. 6) be postponed to 9 o'clock p. m., and that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill (S. 259) to remove political disabilities from certain persons,

It was determined in the affirmative; and

The bill (S. 259) to remove political disabilities from certain persons was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in; and

The bill being further amended, on the motion of Mr. Trumbull,

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

It was determined in the affirmative—two-thirds of the senators present voting in the affirmative.

So it was

Resolved, (two-thirds of the senators present concurring,) That the bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. McCreery,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (H. R. 29) for the relief of Blanton Duncan; and the amendment reported by the Committee on the Judiciary having been agreed to, the resolution was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the resolution read a third time.

The said resolution as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (H. R. 6) for the protection of the interests of the United States in the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and for other purposes; and

The question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Howard to the second section of the amendment heretofore proposed by him,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Rice, at 20 minutes past 10 o'clock p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 1869.

Mr. Sumner presented four petitions of colored citizens of Washington and Georgetown, praying such action as will provide a uniform and impartial system of public schools for the District of Columbia; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Wilson presented the petition of J. R. Parrott, praying the removal of political disabilities; which was referred to the Committee on Political Disabilities.

On motion by Mr. Willey,

Ordered, That the resolutions of the legislature of Nevada, and the report of commissioners appointed by the State, relative to an appropriation for losses sustained by Indian depredations, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Willey,

Ordered, That the petition of Charles A. Pitcher, and the petition of Solomon Stover, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Trumbull, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill (S. 264) to execute the provisions of a certain treaty between the United States and his Majesty the Emperor of all the Russias, concluded on the 27th day of January, A. D. 1868; which was read and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Sumner, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported a bill (S. 265) to prevent the counterfeiting of trade marks protected by treaty stipulations; which was read and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Edmunds, from the Committee on Pensions, reported a bill (S. 266) to authorize officers of the executive departments to administer oaths in certain cases; which was read and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Morrill, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, reported a joint resolution (S. 62) in relation to a site for a building for the State Department; which was read and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 58) for the protection of soldiers and their heirs, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Pomeroy, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 252) to provide for the sale of certain lots and lands of the sea islands of Beaufort county, South Carolina, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Grimes, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 358) for the relief of Joseph P. Fyffe, commander in the United States navy, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Davis, from the Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate, reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Retrenchment report, as soon as practicable, if any, what clerks of the committees of the Senate may be properly dispensed with.

On motion by Mr. Grimes,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 60) legalizing the stamping of certain subscription papers executed and issued to the Iowa Northern Central Railroad Company; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Hamlin,

Ordered, That Pitcher and Haywood have leave to withdraw from the files of the Senate their petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. Willey,

Ordered, That the petition of Daniel Colclazer, Constantia Reeves, and Rosa A. Gantt, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Spencer asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring

in a bill (S. 267) granting lands in the States of Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee to the Selma and Memphis Railroad Company, to aid in the construction of a railroad to be built from Selma, Alabama, to Memphis, Tennessee; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Spencer asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 268) granting lands in the States of Alabama and Mississippi to the Decatur and Aberdeen Railroad Company, to aid in the construction of a railroad to be built from Decatur, Alabama, to Aberdeen, Mississippi; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Spencer asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 269) granting lands to aid certain railroads in Alabama; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Howe,

Ordered, That the petition of Clarissa Britain, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the motion to print the petition of citizens of the District of Columbia, praying the organization of a single local government for the District, reported the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to.

Resolved, That the petition of the citizens of the District of Columbia, praying the organization of a single local government, be printed, and that one thousand extra copies be printed for distribution, under the direction of the Committee of the Senate on the District of Columbia.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Porter, his secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

While I am aware that the time in which Congress proposes now to remain in session is very brief, and that it is its desire, as far as is consistent with the public interest, to avoid entering upon the general business of legislation, there is one subject which concerns so deeply the welfare of the country that I deem it my duty to bring it before you. I have no doubt that you will concur with me in the opinion that it is desirable to restore the States which were engaged in the rebellion to their proper relations to the government and the country, at as early a period as the people of those States shall be found willing to become peaceful and orderly communities, and to adopt and maintain such constitutions and laws as will effectually secure the civil and political rights of all persons within their borders. The authority of the United States, which has been vindicated and established by its military power, must undoubtedly be asserted for the absolute protection of all its citizens in the full enjoyment of the freedom and security which is the object of a republican government. But, whenever the people of a rebellious State are ready to enter in good faith upon the accomplishment of this object, in entire conformity with the constitutional authority of Congress, it is certainly desirable that all causes of irritation should be removed as promptly as possible, that a more perfect union may be established and the country be restored to peace and prosperity.

The convention of the people of Virginia which met in Richmond on Tuesday, December 3, 1867, framed a constitution for that State, which

was adopted by the convention on the 17th of April, 1868, and I desire respectfully to call the attention of Congress to the propriety of providing by law for the holding of an election in that State at some time during the months of May and June next, under the direction of the military commander of the district, at which the question of the adoption of that constitution shall be submitted to the citizens of the State. And if this should seem desirable, I would recommend that a separate vote be taken upon such parts as may be thought expedient. And that at the same time, and under the same authority, there shall be an election for the officers provided under such constitution; and that the constitution, or such parts thereof as shall have been adopted by the people, be submitted to Congress on the first Monday of December next, for its consideration; so that if the same is then approved, the necessary steps will have been taken for the restoration of the State of Virginia to its proper relations to the Union. I am led to make this recommendation from the confident hope and belief that the people of that State are now ready to co-operate with the national government in bringing it again into such relations to the Union as it ought, as soon as possible, to establish and maintain, and to give to all its people those equal rights under the law which were asserted in the Declaration of Independence in the words of one of the most illustrious of its sons.

I desire also to ask the consideration of Congress to the question whether there is not just ground for believing that the constitution framed by a convention of the people of Mississippi for that State, and once rejected, might not be again submitted to the people of that State in like manner and with the probability of the same result.

U. S. GRANT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *April* 7, 1869.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and be printed.

On motion by Mr. Trumbull,

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill of the Senate (S. 44) to amend the judicial system of the United States; and the amendments reported by the Committee on the Judiciary having been agreed to, and

On the question to agree to the amendment as amended,

It was determined in the affirmative.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate agree to the amendment of the House of Representatives to the said bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its amendments to the amendment of the House.

On motion by Mr. Williams,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 94) to amend an act entitled "An act granting lands to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Central Pacific railroad, in California, to Portland, in Oregon," approved July 25, 1866; and

The question being on the amendment of Mr. Conkling to the amendment proposed by Mr. Williams; and

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Corbett to amend the amendment of Mr. Williams by striking out all after the word "provided," and in lieu thereof insert-

ing the following: *That this act shall not deprive any designated company or association of the land grant who were fully organized when they filed their acceptance to the grant with the Secretary of the Interior within the time limited by the said original act, and such company or association so designated and organized shall be deemed and held as fulfilling the requirements of the law.*

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 5 / Nays 36

On motion by Mr. Corbett,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brownlow, Corbett, Gilbert, Rice, Robertson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Anthony, Bayard, Carpenter, Casserly, Cattell, Chandler, Conkling, Davis, Drake, Edmunds, Fenton, Fessenden, Grimes, Hamilton, Hamlin, Harlan, Harris, Howard, Howe, McCreery, McDonald, Morrill, Nye, Pratt, Ramsey, Scott, Sherman, Stockton, Sumner, Thurman, Tipton, Warner, Willey, Williams, Wilson.

So the amendment of Mr. Corbett to the amendment to Mr. Williams was not agreed to; and

The amendment proposed by Mr. Williams having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (H. R. 6) for the protection of the interests of the United States in the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and for other purposes; and

The question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Howard to the amendment reported by the Committee on the Pacific Railroad,

On motion by Mr. Fessenden that the further consideration of the said joint resolution be postponed to to-morrow,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 30 / Nays 14

On motion by Mr. Howard,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Bayard, Boreman, Brownlow, Carpenter, Casserly, Conkling, Corbett, Cragin, Davis, Drake, Edmunds, Fessenden, Fowler, Gilbert, Grimes, Hamilton, Harris, Howe, McCreery, Morrill, Patterson, Pratt, Rice, Sawyer, Stewart, Stockton, Thurman, Willey, Williams.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Chandler, Harlan, Howard, McDonald, Morton, Robertson, Ross, Scott, Sherman, Sprague, Sumner, Thayer, Tipton, Wilson.

So it was

Ordered, That the further consideration of the joint resolution (H. R. 6) for the protection of the interests of the United States in the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and for other purposes, be postponed to to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to some and disagreed to other amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House

H. R. 123) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses f the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with arious Indian tribes for the year ending June 30, 1870, and for other urposes, and has agreed to other amendments of the Senate to the said ill with amendments.

The House of Representatives has passed the following bill and joint esolution of the Senate, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 11. An act to renew certain grants of land to the State of Alabama;

S. 29. Joint resolution in relation to the Burlington and Missouri iver railroad branch of the Union Pacific railroad; and

It has passed a bill (H. R. 325) to repeal the first section of an act lating to appeals to the Supreme Court, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Grimes,

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of epresentatives to the joint resolution of the Senate (S. 29) in relation the Burlington and Missouri River railroad branch of the Union acific railroad; and

On motion by Mr. Grimes,

Resolved, That the Senate agree to the amendment of the House of epresentatives to the said resolution.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives ereof.

Mr. Thayer reported from the committee that they this day presented the President of the United States the following enrolled bills and int resolution:

S. 185. An act to continue in force an act entitled "An act to extend e charter of the city of Washington," &c.

S. 195. An act to carry into effect the convention of July 4, 1868, tween the United States and Mexico, for the adjustment of claims.

S. 200. An act relating to freedmen's hospitals.

S. 8. A joint resolution for the relief of settlers upon the absentee hawnee lands in Kansas.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Porter, is secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and gned this day the following bills and joint resolution:

S. 185. An act to continue in force an act entitled "An act to extend e charter of the city of Washington," &c.

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S. 200. An act relating to freedmen's hospitals.

S. 8. A resolution for the relief of settlers upon the absentee Shawnee nds in Kansas.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives ereof.

On motion by Mr. Fessenden,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the ll (H. R. 354) making appropriations and to supply deficiencies in the propriations for the service of the government for the fiscal years end- June 30, 1869, and June 30, 1870, and for other purposes; and the endments reported by the Committee on Appropriations having been reed to, and the bill further amended,

On motion by Mr. Chandler further to amend the bill by inserting on

page 4, after line 75 the following: *For improvement of St. Clair flats, Lake St. Clair, one hundred and fifty-nine thousand dollars;*

After debate,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 12 / Nays..... 31

On motion by Mr. Chandler,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brownlow, Chandler, Howard, Howe, McDonald, Morrill, Schurz, Scott, Spencer, Stewart, Sumner, Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Anthony, Bayard, Boreman, Casserly, Conkling, Davis, Edmunds, Fessenden, Fowler, Grimes, Hamilton, Hamlin, Harlan, Harris, McCreery, Morton, Norton, Nye, Patterson, Pratt, Rice, Robertson, Ross, Sawyer, Sherman, Stockton, Tipton, Warner, Willey, Wilson.

So the amendment of Mr. Chandler was not agreed to.

The bill having been further amended, was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass and that the title be amended to read "An act making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of government for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1869, and additional appropriations for the year ending June 30, 1870, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

On motion by Mr. Fowler,

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill of the Senate (S. 11) to renew certain grants of land to the State of Alabama; and

On motion by Mr. Fowler,

Resolved, That the Senate agree to the amendments of the House of Representatives to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The bill H. R. 325, this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Nye,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 404) to repeal an act of the legislature of New Mexico imposing a capitation tax on bovine cattle, and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Fessenden,

The Senate proceeded to consider its amendments to the bill of the House of Representatives (H. R. 123) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1870, and for other purposes, disagreed to by the House, and

the amendments of the House of Representatives to other amendments of the Senate to the said bill; and

On motion by Mr. Fessenden,

Resolved, That the Senate insist upon its amendments to the said bill disagreed to by the House of Representatives, disagree to the amendments of the House to other amendments of the Senate thereto, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon.

Ordered, That the conferees on the part of the Senate be appointed by the Vice-President; and

The Vice-President appointed Mr. Fessenden, Mr. Harlan, and Mr. Cole.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed a bill (H. R. 367) making an appropriation for the improvement of rivers and harbors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1869, and the year ending June 30, 1870, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The President of the United States approved and signed this day the joint resolution (H. R. 64) authorizing the building of a railroad bridge over the Ohio river at Paducah, Kentucky.

The bill H. R. 367 last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Sherman,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 140) to amend an act entitled "An act imposing taxes on distilled spirits and tobacco, and for other purposes," approved July 20, 1868; and

After debate and the consideration of executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 1869.

Mr. Willey presented the petition of James F. Patterson, praying to be relieved of political disabilities; which was referred to the Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Sumner presented a petition of colored citizens of the District of Columbia, praying such action as will provide a uniform system of public schools for the District; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Sumner presented the petition of Michael Loureste, praying to be granted the right of citizenship under the reconstruction laws; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Pomeroy presented a resolution of the legislature of Kansas in favor of the passage of a law authorizing the holding of a term of the circuit and district courts of the United States at Leavenworth, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wilson presented the petition of James H. Bell, and the petition of Warren Nobles, praying to be relieved of political disabilities; which were referred to the Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Wilson presented the petition of Andrew J. Lewis, praying to be relieved of political disabilities.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Pomeroy presented the petition of Robert Hudgin, praying to be relieved of political disabilities; which was referred to the Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Ferry presented the petition of John E. Penn, praying to be relieved of political disabilities; which was referred to the Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Sherman presented a petition of A. G. W. Carter and others, a committee appointed at a mass meeting held in Cincinnati, Ohio, praying such action as will secure the release of Lieutenant Colonel William G. Halpin, now in confinement in Great Britain; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Boreman presented the petition of Jeremiah Beaty, praying compensation for property lost in the government service in 1862; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Cragin presented the petition of Rollin White, praying an extension of a patent; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Ramsey, from the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 403) to establish certain post roads, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Ramsey, from the Committee on the Pacific Railroad, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 48) granting right of way for the construction of a railroad from a point at or near Portland, Oregon, to a point west of the Cascade mountains, in Washington Territory, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Chandler, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 367) making an appropriation for the improvement of rivers and harbors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1869, and the year ending June 30, 1870, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Scott, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Margaret A. Laurie, reported a bill (S. 270) for the relief of Mrs. Margaret A. Laurie; which was read and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Howe, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. Ellen J. Brosman, praying compensation for property taken for government use, reported adversely thereon.

Mr. Ramsey, from the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, to whom was referred the bill (S. 256) in relation to bridges across the Ohio river, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Conkling, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 237) for the encouragement of yachting, improvement in naval architecture, cultivation of naval science, and amendatory of the act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to license yachts, reported it with amendments.

On motion by Mr. Ramsey,

Ordered, That Julia Whistler have leave to withdraw from the files of the Senate her petition and papers.

Mr. Carpenter asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 271) to punish contempts of the courts of the United States in certain cases; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cole submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be directed to inquire into the cause of the interruption and detention of

the overland mails to and from the Pacific coast, and that they be authorized to send for persons and papers.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Porter, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

In answer to the resolution of the Senate of the 27th of May last, in relation to the subject of claims against Great Britain, I transmit a report from the Secretary of State, and the papers which accompanied it.

U. S. GRANT.

WASHINGTON, *April* 7, 1869.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Wilson, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 63) authorizing the President to appoint a commission to make a survey across the Isthmus of Darien for a ship railway or ship canal; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Trumbull, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the message of the President of the United States in relation to the restoration of the States lately engaged in rebellion to their proper relations to the Union, reported that the further consideration of the same be postponed to the first Monday in December next.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives insists upon its amendments to the joint resolution of the Senate (S. 19) enabling actual settlers to purchase certain lands of the Great and Little Osage Indians, disagreed to by the Senate; it agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon, and has appointed Mr. Julian, Mr. Clarke, and Mr. Swann managers at the same on its part.

The House of Representatives insists upon its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 123) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes for the year ending June 30, 1870, and for other purposes, insisted upon by the Senate, and upon its amendments to other amendments of the Senate to the said bill disagreed to by the Senate; it agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon, and has appointed Mr. Dawes, Mr. Bingham, and Mr. Beck managers at the same on its part.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled joint resolution, (S. 29,) I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Thayer reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the joint resolution (S. 29) in relation to the Burlington and Missouri river railroad branch of the Union Pacific railroad.

The Vice-President signed the enrolled joint resolution (S. 29) last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

The joint resolution (S. 62) in relation to a site for a building for the State Department was read the second time and considered as in Com-

mittee of the Whole; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Morrill, it was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the resolution be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Vice-President stated that he would, after to-day, and for the residue of the session, vacate the chair, to enable the Senate, in conformity to a usage observed in the body, to choose a President *pro tempore*.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the following bill and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 405. An act authorizing the submission of the constitutions of Virginia, Mississippi, and Texas to a vote of the people, and authorizing the election of State officers provided by the said constitutions, and members of Congress.

H. R. 72. Joint resolution to regulate the hours of labor of government laborers, workmen, and mechanics.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, (H. R. 404 and S. 11,) I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

The House of Representatives has agreed to some and disagreed to other amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 354) making appropriations and to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the government for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1869, and June 30, 1870, and for other purposes; it asks a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon, and has appointed Mr. Beaman, Mr. Loughridge, and Mr. Niblack managers at the same on its part.

Mr. Thayer reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

S. 11. An act to renew certain grants of land to the State of Alabama.

H. R. 404. An act to repeal an act of the legislature of New Mexico, imposing a capitation tax on bovine cattle.

The Vice-President signed the two enrolled bills (S. 11 and H. R. 404) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The bill (H. R. 405) last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence, was read the first and second times by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded to consider its amendments to the bill (H. R. 354) making appropriations and to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the government for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1869, and June 30, 1870, and for other purposes, disagreed to by the House of Representatives; and

On motion by Mr. Fessenden,

Resolved, That the Senate insist upon its amendments to the said bill disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and agree to the conference asked by the House on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon.

Ordered, That the conferees on the part of the Senate be appointed by the Vice-President; and

The Vice-President appointed Mr. Fessenden, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Ramsey.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Sherman,

Ordered, That the Senate take a recess this day from 5 o'clock to 7½ o'clock p. m.

Mr. Sumner submitted the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate, (the House of Representatives concurring,) That the resolution adjourning the two houses of Congress on Saturday, 10th April, is hereby rescinded.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Pomeroy to amend the resolution by inserting at the end thereof the following: *and that the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives do adjourn their respective houses without day, on Saturday, the 17th day of April, at 12 o'clock meridian*,

After further debate,

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, which was the bill (H. R. 140) to amend an act entitled "An act imposing taxes on distilled spirits and tobacco, and for other purposes," approved July 20, 1868.

On motion by Mr. Sumner that the further consideration of the said bill (H. R. 140) be postponed 30 minutes,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 20 / Nays..... 30

On motion by Mr. Abbott,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Brownlow, Corbett, Cragin, Drake, Hamlin, Howard, Howe, Morton, Osborn, Pomeroy, Pool, Pratt, Sawyer, Schurz, Spencer, Sumner, Thayer, Wilson, Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Bayard, Boreman, Buckingham, Cameron, Casserly, Chandler, Conkling, Davis, Edmunds, Fenton, Ferry, Fowler, Gilbert, Harris, McCreery, Morrill, Norton, Nye, Patterson, Rice, Scott, Sherman, Stewart, Stockton, Thurman, Tipton, Trumbull, Willey, Williams.

So the motion was not agreed to; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 140) to amend an act entitled "An act imposing taxes on distilled spirits and tobacco, and for other purposes," approved July 20, 1868; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Finance having been agreed to in part; and

After debate and the consideration of executive business,

The hour fixed by the order of the Senate this day for a recess having arrived,

The Senate took a recess until half-past 7 o'clock p. m.

HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK P. M.

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (H. R. 43) concerning vacancies in the Adjutant Gen-

eral's department; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (S. 36) respecting the retirement of Brevet Major General S. P. Heintzleman; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (S. 58) for the protection of soldiers and their heirs; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Edmunds, it was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the resolution be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 140) to amend an act entitled "An act imposing taxes on distilled spirits and tobacco, and for other purposes," approved July 20, 1868; and the residue of the amendments reported by the Committee on Finance having been agreed to,

After debate,

The bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk.

Mr President: The House of Representatives has passed the following bills of the Senate:

S. 38. An act to remove the charge of desertion from certain soldiers of the 13th Tennessee cavalry.

S. 75. An act regulating the rights of property of married women in the District of Columbia.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill of the Senate:

S. 60. An act legalizing the stamping of certain subscription papers executed and issued to the Iowa Northern Central Railroad Company; with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

And it has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 92. An act to discontinue Sault Ste. Marie as a port of entry in the Superior District, and to establish Marquette in lieu thereof;

H. R. 343. An act for holding terms of the district court of the United States for the district of Nevada;

H. R. 408. An act for the relief of Mrs. Susan A. Shelby;

H. R. 34. Joint resolution to sell or exchange the site of custom-house in the city of Nashville, Tennessee, that a more suitable location may be obtained; and

The House of Representatives has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 123) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes for the year ending June 30, 1870.

The House of Representatives has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the bill of the Senate (S. 44) to amend the judicial system of the United States with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Sherman,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 358) for the relief of Joseph P. Fyffe, commander in the United States navy; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Harlan,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (S. 2) for the relief of John E. Reeside; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Chandler,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 367) making an appropriation for the improvement of rivers and harbors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1869, and the year ending June 30, 1870; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Fessenden, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 123) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1870, submitted the following report:

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the amendments to the bill (H. R. 123) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1870, having met, after full and free conference have

agreed to recommend, and do recommend, to their respective houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from their amendments numbered 6, 18, 25, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 125, 140, 141, 142, 145.

That the House of Representatives recede from their disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 2, 4, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 31, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 59, 60, 61, 62, 77, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 124, 127, 128, 130, 131, 132, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 144, 147, 153, and agree to the same.

That the House recede from their disagreement to the 16th amendment of the Senate and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows: in line 6 of said amendment strike out all after the word "and" to the end of said amendment, and insert in lieu thereof the following words: *twenty-five thousand dollars: Provided, That the said sum, if accepted, shall be in full for the claim of said Blackburn as above stated;*" and the Senate agree to the same.

That the Senate recede from their disagreement to the amendment of the House to the 57th amendment of the Senate; and agree to the same.

That the Senate recede from their disagreement to the amendment of the House to the 146th amendment of the Senate; and agree to the same.

That the Senate recede from all of their 152d amendment after the enacting clause, and the House recede from their amendment to the same, and agree to the section in the following words, to wit:

That there be appropriated the further sum of $2,000,000, *or so much thereof as may be necessary, to enable the President to maintain the peace among and with the various tribes, bands, and parties of Indians, and to promote civilization among said Indians, bring them, where practicable, upon reservations, relieve their necessities, and encourage their efforts at self-support, a report of all expenditures under this appropriation to be made in detail to Congress in December next; and for the purpose of enabling the President to execute the powers conferred by this act he is hereby authorized, at his discretion, to organize a board of commissioners, to consist of not more than ten persons, to be selected by him from men eminent for their intelligence and philanthropy, to serve without pecuniary compensation, who may, under his discretion, exercise joint control with the Secretary of the Interior over the disbursement of the appropriations made by this act or any part thereof that the President may designate; and to pay the necessary expenses of transportation, subsistence, and clerk hire of said commissioners, while actually engaged in said service, there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of* $25,000, *or so much thereof as may be necessary.*

SEC. —. *And be it further enacted, That nothing in this act contained, or in any of the provisions thereof, shall be so construed as to ratify or approve any treaty made with any tribes, bands, or parties of Indians since the 20th of July,* 1867.

W. P. FESSENDEN,
JAMES HARLAN,
Managers on the part of the Senate.
H. L. DAWES,
JOHN A. BINGHAM,
JAMES B. BECK,
Managers on the part of the House of Representatives.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report; and

On motion by Mr. Fessenden,

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk.

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills (H. R. 358 and H. R. 367) and an enrolled joint resolution, (H. R. 43.)

I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

On motion by Mr. Trumbull,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 114) to enforce the fourteenth article of the amendment of the Constitution of the United States; and the question being on the amendment reported by the Committee on the Judiciary; and

An amendment being proposed by Mr. Thurman to strike out the 2d section of the reported amendment;

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Trumbull that the further consideration of the said bill be postponed to to-morrow,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Trumbull,

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the bill of the Senate (S. 44) to amend the judicial system of the United States; and

On motion by Mr. Trumbull,

Resolved, That the Senate agree to the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Abbott,

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion submitted by Mr. Corbett on the 20th of March, to reconsider the vote by which the bill (H. R. 124) to declare and fix the status of judge advocates of the army was postponed indefinitely by the Senate; and

On motion by Mr. Howard, at 25 minutes past 10 o'clock p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 1869.

The Vice-President being absent, the Secretary called the Senate to order.

Mr. Sumner submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to:

Resolved, That, in the absence of the Vice-President, the honorable Henry B. Anthony, of the State of Rhode Island, be, and he is hereby, chosen President of the Senate *pro tempore*.

Mr. Anthony thereupon took the chair.

On motion by Mr. Sumner.

Ordered, That the Secretary wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that, in the absence of the Vice-President, the Senate has chosen the honorable Henry B. Anthony, a senator from

the State of Rhode Island, President of the Senate *pro tempore*, and that he make a similar communication to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Thayer reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills and joint resolution:

H. R. 358. An act for the relief of Joseph P. Fyffe, commander in the United States navy.

H. R. 367. An act making appropriation for the improvement of rivers and harbors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1869, and the year ending June 30, 1870.

H. R. 43. Joint resolution concerning vacancies in the Adjutant General's department.

The President *pro tempore* signed the enrolled bills (H. R. 358, H. R. 367) and the enrolled joint resolution (H. R. 43) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The bills H. R. 92, H. R. 343, H. R. 408, and the joint resolutions H. R. 34 and H. R. 72, yesterday received from the House of Representatives for concurrence, were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bill H. R. 92 and the joint resolution H. R. 34 be referred to the Committee on Commerce; that the bill H. R. 343 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; that the bill H. R. 408 be referred to the Committee on Claims; and that the joint resolution H. R. 72 lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 60) legalizing the stamping of certain subscription papers, executed and issued to the Iowa Northern Central Railroad Company; and

On motion by Mr. Harlan,

Resolved, That the Senate agree to the amendment of the House of Representatives to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Ferry presented the petition of Marianna C. Johnston, mother of William C. Johnston, a chaplain in the army, who died in the service of the government, praying that the pay and allowances due him at the time of his death may be paid to her; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Willey presented the petition of Edward A. Freeman and the petition of John S. G. Timberlake, praying to be relieved of political disabilities; which was referred to the Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Rice presented a resolution of the legislature of Arkansas, urging immediate disposition of the swamp lands granted by the United States to said State so as to make them available to the people of the State; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Patterson presented a petition of citizens of Washington, praying that no law may be passed that will change the present judge of the orphans' court of the District of Columbia; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

On motion by Mr. Willey,

Ordered, That Joseph Segar have leave to withdraw from the files of the Senate his petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. Conkling that Norman Wiard have leave to withdraw his petition and papers from the files of the Senate,

After debate,

The motion was agreed to, the papers first to be printed.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 35) donating the Lincoln Hospital to the Columbia Hospital for women and Lying-in Asylum, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill (S. 272) to settle the claims of the sons of the late Col. William Gates, of the U. S. army; which was read and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Wilson asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 64) appointing General Thomas Osborn a manager of the National Asylum for Disabled Soldiers; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole, and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Sumner,

Ordered, That the message of the President of the United States, with the accompanying papers relating to the claims against England, be printed for the use of the Senate, subject to the supervision of the Secretary of State.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of James Travers, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Carpenter, from the Committee on Patents, to whom was referred the petition of Rollin White, reported a bill (S. 273) for the relief of Rollin White; which was read and passed to a second reading.

On motion by Mr. Anthony,

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of the Navy communicating, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, information in relation to contracts with Norman Wiard for the fabrication and delivery of ordnance, be printed.

On motion by Mr. Trumbull,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 405) authorizing the submission of the constitutions of Virginia, Mississippi, and Texas to a vote of the people, and authorizing the election of State officers provided by the said constitutions, and members of Congress; and

On motion of Mr. Morton to amend the bill by inserting at the end thereof, the following as an additional section:

SEC. —. *And be it further enacted, That, before the States of Virginia, Mississippi, and Texas shall be admitted to representation in Congress, their several legislatures, which may be hereafter lawfully organized, shall ratify the fifteenth article which has been proposed by Congress to the several States as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States,*

After debate,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas.....30 / Nays.....20

On motion by Mr. Morton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Brownlow, Buckingham, Carpenter, Chandler, Cole, Drake, Harris, Howard, McDonald, Morrill, Morton, Nye, Osborn, Pool,

Pratt, Ramsey, Rice, Robertson, Ross, Schurz, Sherman, Stewart, Sumner, Thayer, Tipton, Warner, Williams, Wilson, Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Bayard, Boreman, Casserly, Conkling, Davis, Edmunds, Fenton, Ferry, Fessenden, Fowler, McCreery, Norton, Patterson, Sawyer, Sprague, Stockton, Thurman, Trumbull, Willey.

So the amendment was agreed to; and

The bill having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Trumbull, and on the motion of Mr. Edmunds was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill, as amended, was read the third time; and

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas.....44 / Nays.....9

On motion by Mr. Thurman,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Boreman, Brownlow, Buckingham, Carpenter, Cattell, Chandler, Cole, Conkling, Corbett, Cragin, Drake, Fenton, Ferry, Fessenden, Hamlin, Harris, Howard, Howe, McDonald, Morrill, Morton, Nye, Patterson, Pomeroy, Pratt, Ramsey, Rice, Robertson, Ross, Sawyer, Schurz, Scott, Sherman, Spencer, Stewart, Sumner, Thayer, Tipton, Trumbull, Warner, Willey, Williams, Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bayard, Casserly, Davis, Fowler, McCreery, Norton, Sprague, Stockton, Thurman.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate the following proclamation by the President of the United States:

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas objects of interest to the United States require that the Senate should be convened at 12 o'clock on the twelfth day of April, 1869, to receive and act upon such communications as may be made to it on the part of the Executive:

Now, therefore, I, U. S. Grant, President of the United States, have considered it to be my duty to issue this, my proclamation, declaring that an extraordinary occasion requires the Senate of the United States to convene for the transaction of business at the Capitol, in the city of Washington, on the twelfth day of April, 1869, at twelve o'clock noon, of that day, on which all who shall at that time be entitled to act as members of that body are hereby required to take notice.

Given under my hand and the seal of the United States, at Washington, the eighth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, and of the independence of the United States of America the ninety-third.

[SEAL.] U. S. GRANT.

By the President,

HAMILTON FISH, *Secretary of State.*

The proclamation was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Drake,

Ordered, That the Senate take a recess this day from 5 o'clock to 7½ o'clock p. m.

Mr. Fessenden, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 354) making appropriations and to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the government for the years ending June 30, 1869, and June 30, 1870, and for other purposes, submitted the following report:

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the amendments to the bill (H. R. 354) making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1869, and additional appropriations for the year ending June 30, 1870, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend, and do recommend, to their respective houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from their amendments numbered 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 30, 31, and 36.

That the House recede from their disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 7, 22, 25, 27, 32, 37, 38, 39, and 42, and agree to the same.

That the House recede from their disagreement to the first amendment of the Senate and agree to the same with an amendment as follows: Strike out of said amendment the words "fifty-three," and insert in lieu thereof the words *forty-seven;* and the Senate agree to the same.

That the House recede from their disagreement to the twenty-third amendment of the Senate and agree to the same with an amendment as follows: At the end of said amendment add the following: *Provided, That any portion of the sums appropriated in the three preceding items which may be necessary, and also any portion of the amount appropriated for the court-house at Springfield, Illinois, by an act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the government for the year ending June* 30, 1870, *and for other purposes, approved March* 3, 1869, *may be expended during the current year;*" and the Senate agree to the same.

That the House recede from their disagreement to the twenty-fourth amendment of the Senate and agree to the same with an amendment as follows: Strike out of said amendment the word "forty," and insert in lieu the word *twenty;* and the Senate agree to the same.

That the House recede from their disagreement to the forty-first amendment of the Senate and agree to the same with an amendment as follows: Strike out all of said amendment after the enacting clause, and insert in lieu the following: *That the Washington Gas-Light Company be, and they are hereby, required to increase their rate of discount for prompt payment to eighteen and three-fourths per cent. from and after the* 1*st day of November next;* and the Senate agree to the same.

W. P. FESSENDEN,
HENRY WILSON,
ALEX. RAMSEY,
Managers on the part of the Senate.
F. C. BEAMAN,
WM. LOUGHRIDGE,
W. E. NIBLACK,
Managers on the part of the House of Representatives.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report; and

On motion by Mr. Fessenden,

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed a joint resolution (H. R. 75) to facilitate the construction of the court-house at Springfield, Illinois, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate; and

It has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the joint resolution of the Senate (S. 19) enabling actual settlers to purchase certain lands of the Great and Little Osage Indians.

The House of Representatives has disagreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 140) to amend an act entitled "An act imposing taxes on distilled spirits and tobacco, and for other purposes," approved July 20, 1868; it asks a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon, and has appointed Mr. Schenck, Mr. Allison, and Mr. Archer managers at the same on its part.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed four enrolled bills, (S. 38, S. 44, S. 75, and S. 60,) I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Thayer reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

S. 38. An act to remove the charge of desertion from certain soldiers of the 13th Tennessee cavalry.

S. 44. An act to amend the judicial system of the United States.

S. 60. An act legalizing the stamping of certain subscription papers executed and issued to the Iowa Northern Central Railroad Company.

S. 75. An act regulating the rights of property of married women in the District of Columbia.

The President *pro tempore* signed the four enrolled bills, (S. 38, S. 44, S. 60, and S. 75,) and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Sherman,

The Senate proceeded to consider its amendments to the bill of the House of Representatives (H. R. 140) to amend an act entitled "An act imposing taxes on distilled spirits and tobacco, and for other purposes," approved July 20, 1868, disagreed to by the House; and

On motion by Mr. Sherman,

Resolved, That the Senate insist upon its amendments to the said bill disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and agree to the conference asked by the House on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon.

Ordered, That the conferees on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President *pro tempore;* and

The President *pro tempore* appointed Mr. Sherman, Mr. Morrill, and Mr. Bayard.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Pomeroy, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the joint resolution (S. 19) enabling actual settlers to purchase certain lands of the Great and Little Osage Indians, submitted the following report:

The committee of conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two houses upon the joint resolution (S. R. 19) enabling actual settlers to purchase certain lands of the Great and Little Osage Indians have

met, and after full and free conference have agreed to recommend, and do recommend, to their respective houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from their disagreement to the amendment of the House and agree to the same with an amendment, namely: Strike out all of the House amendment from the word "acre," in the 14th line, to the word "under," in the 19th line, and in lieu of those words insert *within two years from the passage of this act.*

And at the end of the joint resolution insert the following proviso, namely: *Provided, however, That nothing in this act shall be construed in any manner as affecting any legal rights heretofore vested in any other party or parties;* and that the House agree to the same.

S. C. POMEROY,
JAMES HARLAN,
Managers on the part of the Senate.
GEORGE W. JULIAN,
S. CLARKE,
THOMAS SWAN,
Managers on the part of the House of Representatives.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report; and

On motion by Mr. Pomeroy,

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 134. An act to establish a land district in Wyoming Territory, and for other purposes.

H. R. 243. An act to provide for the publication of the Opinions of the Attorneys General, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion submitted by Mr. Corbett on the 20th March last, to reconsider the vote by which the Senate postponed indefinitely the bill (H. R. 124) to declare and fix the status of judge advocates of the army; and

On the question, Will the Senate reconsider its vote to postpone indefinitely the said bill?

It was determined in the affirmative; and

The question recurring on the motion to postpone the bill indefinitely,

It was determined in the negative; and

The bill having been amended on the motion of Mr. Fessenden,

On motion by Mr. Robertson further to amend the bill in line 4 by striking out the word "ten," and inserting *eight*,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 30 / Nays 16

On motion by Mr. Abbott,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Buckingham, Carpenter, Casserly, Cattell, Cole, Corbett, Davis, Edmunds, Ferry, Fessenden, Fowler, Gilbert, Hamlin, Harlan, Harris, Kellogg, McCreery, Norton, Nye, Pomeroy, Pratt, Robertson, Scott, Stewart, Stockton, Sumner, Thurman, Tipton, Willey, Williams.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Boreman, Brownlow, Chandler, Conkling, Cragin,

Drake, Howard, McDonald, Morton, Osborn, Pool, Sawyer, Trumbull, Warner, Wilson.

So the amendment was agreed to; and

No further amendment being proposed,

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

On motion by Mr. Howe,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (H. R. 4) relating to steamboats and other vessels owned in the loyal States.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds to amend the resolution in line 14 by striking out the word "in," and inserting the words *taken into*,

After debate,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 21 / Nays 29

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Boreman, Carpenter, Chandler, Conkling, Corbett, Cragin, Edmunds, Fenton, Fessenden, Howard, Kellogg, Morrill, Osborn, Patterson, Pomeroy, Stewart, Sumner, Thayer, Williams, Wilson, Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Anthony, Brownlow, Buckingham, Cattell, Cole, Davis, Drake, Fowler, Hamlin, Harlan, Harris, Howe, McCreery, McDonald, Morton, Pratt, Ramsey, Rice, Robertson, Ross, Sawyer, Schurz, Scott, Spencer, Sprague, Tipton, Warner, Willey.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds to amend the resolution in line 15 by inserting after the word "impressment" the words *under the authority of the United States*,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 20 / Nays 30

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Bayard, Boreman, Brownlow, Carpenter, Chandler, Cole, Conkling, Corbett, Cragin, Edmunds, Fenton, Harlan, Howard, Pomeroy, Stewart, Stockton, Sumner, Trumbull, Williams, Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Anthony, Buckingham, Casserly, Cattell, Davis, Drake, Fowler, Gilbert, Hamlin, Harris, Howe, McCreery, McDonald, Morton, Osborn, Patterson, Pratt, Ramsey, Rice, Robertson, Ross, Sawyer, Schurz, Scott, Spencer, Thayer, Warner, Willey, Yates.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Williams to amend the resolution in line 15 by inserting after the word "contract" the word *or*, and by inserting after the word "impressment," in the same line, the words *lawfully made*,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 21 / Nays 27

On motion by Mr. Williams,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Carpenter, Chandler, Cole, Conkling, Corbett, Cragin, Edmunds, Fenton, Fessenden, Harlan, Howard, Morrill, Patterson, Pomeroy, Ross, Stewart, Stockton, Sumner, Trumbull, Williams, Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Anthony, Brownlow, Cameron, Cattell, Davis, Drake, Fowler, Gilbert, Hamlin, Harris, Howe, Kellogg, McCreery, McDonald, Osborn, Pratt, Ramsey, Rice, Robertson, Sawyer, Schurz, Scott, Spencer, Thayer, Warner, Willey.

So the amendment was not agreed to; and

No further amendment being proposed, the resolution was reported to the Senate; and

After debate and the consideration of executive business,

The hour fixed by the order of the Senate this day for a recess having arrived,

The Senate took a recess until half-past 7 o'clock p. m.

HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK P. M.

On motion by Mr. Carpenter,

The bill (S. 273) for the relief of Rollin White was read the second time and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (H. R. 48) granting right of way for the construction of a railroad from a point at or near Portland, Oregon, to a point west of the Cascade mountains, in Washington Territory; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Om motion by Mr. Howard,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (H. R. 6) for the protection of the interests of the United States in the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and for other purposes; and

Mr. Howard having modified the amendment heretofore proposed by him to the first section of the amendment reported by the Committee on the Pacific Railroad,

After debate,

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Howard, as modified, to the reported amendment,

It was determined in the affirmative; and the amendment reported by the Committee on the Pacific Railroad having been further amended, on the motion of Mr. Sherman was agreed to, and the resolution was reported to the Senate; and

On the question to concur in the amendment made in Committee of the Whole,

On motion by Mr. Casserly to amend the third section by inserting at the end thereof the following: *And in default of obtaining such security as in this section provided, the President may authorize and direct the Attorney General to institute such suits and proceedings on behalf and in the name of the United States, in any court of the United States having jurisdiction, as shall be necessary or proper to compel the giving of such security; and thereby or in any manner otherwise to protect the interests of the United States in said road, and to insure the full completion thereof as a first-class road as required by law and the statutes in that case made,*

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 23 / Nays 17

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Boreman, Carpenter, Casserly, Corbett, Davis, Drake, Fenton, Gilbert, Hamlin, Harlan, Harris, Howe, McCreery, Norton, Pool, Pratt, Ramsey, Schurz, Scott, Stockton, Thurman, Trumbull, Warner.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Buckingham, Chandler, Cragin, Howard, McDonald, Morrill, Nye, Osborn, Patterson, Pomeroy, Rice, Sumner, Thayer, Tipton, Williams, Wilson.

So the amendment was agreed to; and

No further amendment being proposed, the amendment made in Committee of the Whole, as amended on the motion of Mr. Casserly, was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the resolution read a third time.

The said resolution as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended by inserting after the word "company" the words *and the Central Pacific Railroad Company.*

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the joint resolution of the Senate (S. 58) for the protection of soldiers and their heirs, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate; and

It has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 405) authorizing the submission of the constitutions of Virginia, Mississippi, and Texas to a vote of the people, and authorizing the election of State officers provided by the said constitutions, and members of Congress.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills (H. R. 123 and H. R. 354) and two enrolled joint resolutions, (S. 19 and H. R. 48,) I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

The House of Representatives has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 124) to declare and fix the status of judge advocates of the army.

Mr. Thayer reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills and joint resolutions:

H. R. 123. An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1870.

H. R. 354. An act making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the

appropriations for the service of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1869, and additional appropriations for the year ending June 30, 1870, and for other purposes.

S. 19. Joint resolution enabling bona fide settlers to purchase certain lands from the Great and Little Osage Indians.

H. R. 48. Joint resolution granting the right of way for the construction of a railroad from a point at or near Portland, Oregon, to a point west of the Cascade mountains, in Washington Territory.

The President *pro tempore* signed the two enrolled bills (H. R. 123 and H. R. 354) and two enrolled joint resolutions (S. 19 and H. R. 48) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

A message from the House of Representative, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed a bill (H. R. 419) allowing parties in certain cases to testify, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate; and

It has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution of the House (H. R. 29) for the relief of Blanton Duncan.

The House of Representatives has passed the following joint resolutions of the Senate:

S. 59. Joint resolution making San Diego, California, a port of delivery;

S. 61. Joint resolution extending the time for the completion of the Portage Lake and Lake Superior ship canal; and

It has passed the bill of the Senate (S. 236) to extend the time for the Little Rock and Fort Smith Railroad Company to complete the first section of twenty miles of said road, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate; and

The House of Representatives has passed a bill (H. R. 331) to relieve certain persons therein named from the legal and political disabilities imposed by the 14th amendment of the Constitution of the United States, and for other purposes; in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills (H. R. 124 and H. R. 405) and an enrolled joint resolution, (H. R. 29,) I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Sherman, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 140) to amend an act entitled "An act imposing taxes on distilled spirits and tobacco, and for other purposes," approved July 20, 1868, submitted the following report:

The committee of conference on the disgreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 140) to amend an act entitled "An act imposing taxes on distilled spirits and tobacco, and for other purposes," approved July 20, 1868, having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend, and do recommend, to their respective houses as follows:

That the House recede from their disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, and 10, and agree to the same.

That the Senate recede from their amendments numbered 11, 12, and 13.

That the House recede from their disagreement to the first amendment of the Senate, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows: Strike out the word "is," in said Senate amendment, and insert in lieu thereof the words *was then and has continued to be.*

That the House recede from their disagreement to the second amendment of the Senate so far as it is proposed to strike out words, and agree

to the same with the following amendment: Insert, in lieu of the words proposed to be inserted, *A bond may be taken at the discretion of the Commissioner as provided for in said section for a distillery erected on land the lease or evidence of title to which was duly recorded prior to the passage of this act: Provided, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to apply to any distillery or distilling apparatus not erected prior to the 20th of July*, 1868; and the Senate agree to the same;

That the House recede from their disagreement to the eighth amendment of the Senate, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows: insert, in lieu of the words stricken out:

SEC. —. *And be it further enacted, That any person having in his possession any tobacco, snuff, or cigars manufactured and sold or removed from the manufactory, or from any place where tobacco, snuff, or cigars are made, since July* 20, 1868, *or any person having in his possession cigars imported from foreign countries since July* 20, 1868, *or withdrawn from a United States bonded warehouse since said date, such tobacco, snuff, and cigars, having been put up in packages as prescribed in the act to which this act is an amendment, and all the other requirements of said act relating to tobacco, snuff, and cigars having been complied with, and who, on the 1st day of February*, 1869, *filed with the assessor or assistant assessor of the district within which he resides or has his place of business the inventory required by the seventy-eighth and ninety-fourth sections of the act of July* 20, 1868, *and who shall, prior to selling or offering such tobacco, snuff, or cigars for sale, affix and cancel proper internal revenue stamps, shall be entitled to have refunded to him an amount of tax previously paid thereon equal to the value of the stamps affixed before sale as aforesaid; and the Commissioner of Internal Revenue shall be, and is hereby, authorized, on appeal to him made, to refund and pay back a sum of money equal to the value of the stamps so affixed, upon satisfactory evidence submitted to him that the tobacco and snuff were actually manufactured and removed from the place of manufacture, and that the cigars were so manufactured and removed, or imported and withdrawn from a United States bonded warehouse, and the several rates of tax imposed on such goods by the act of July* 20, 1868, *as aforesaid, assessed and paid, and that the claimant had in all respects complied with the internal revenue laws as far as they have been or may be applicable to such articles. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue is hereby authorized and empowered to prescribe such rules and regulations for carrying out the provisions of this section as in his judgment shall be deemed proper and necessary, and the Commissioner may in any case, at his discretion, allow snuff and smoking tobacco manufactured prior to the 20th of July*, 1868, *not in wooden packages, to be stamped and sold in the original packages; and the rate of duty on cigars imported prior to July* 20, 1868, *and now remaining in bond, shall be the same as on cigars imported after that date.*

JOHN SHERMAN,
JUSTIN S. MORRILL,
T. F. BAYARD,
Managers on the part of the Senate.
ROBERT C. SCHENCK,
WILLIAM B. ALLISON,
S. S. MARSHALL,
Managers on the part of the House of Representatives.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report; and

On motion by Mr. Sherman,

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Harlan, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 73) relative to the Cherokee neutral lands in the State of Kansas and the late treaties respecting the same, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the joint resolution of the Senate (S. 58) for the protection of soldiers and their heirs; and

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

Resolved, That the Senate agree to the amendments of the House of Representatives to the said resolution.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Sherman,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened; and

Mr. Thayer reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills and joint resolution:

H. R. 124. An act to declare and fix the status of judge advocates of the army.

H. R. 405. An act authorizing the submission of the constitutions of Virginia, Mississippi, and Texas to a vote of the people, and authorizing the election of State officers provided by the said constitution, and members of Congress.

H. R. 29. Joint resolution for the relief of Blanton Duncan.

The President *pro tempore* signed the two enrolled bills (H. R. 124 and H. R. 405) and the enrolled joint resolution (H. R. 29) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Conkling,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to meet at 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

The bills H. R. 243, and H. R. 331, were severally read the first time and passed to a second reading.

The bills H. R. 134 and H. R. 419 were severally read the first and second times by unanimous consent.

The joint resolution H. R. 75 was read the first time.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill of the Senate (S. 236) to extend the time for the Little Rock and Fort Smith Railroad Company to complete the first section of twenty miles of said road; and

On motion by Mr. Rice,

Resolved, That the Senate agree to the amendment of the House of Representatives to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Cameron, at 15 minutes before 2 o'clock a. m., that the Senate adjourn,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 16 / Nays..... 30

On motion by Mr. Cameron,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Bayard, Buckingham, Cameron, Conkling, Edmunds,

Fessenden, Fowler, Gilbert, Harris, Patterson, Scott, Stockton, Thurman, Tipton, Trumbull.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Boreman, Carpenter, Casserly, Chandler, Cole, Corbett, Cragin, Davis, Drake, Fenton, Harlan, Howard, Howe, McCreery, McDonald, Osborn, Pomeroy, Pratt, Rice, Robertson, Sawyer, Sherman, Spencer, Stewart, Sumner, Thayer, Warner, Willey, Wilson.

So the Senate refused to adjourn.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the bill of the Senate (S. 94) to amend an act entitled "An act granting lands to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Central Pacific railroad, in California, to Portland, in Oregon," approved July 25, 1866, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate; and

It has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution (H. R. 6) for the protection of the interests of the United States in the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and for other purposes.

On motion by Mr. Williams,

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill of the Senate (S. 94) to amend an act entitled "An act granting lands to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Central Pacific railroad, in California, to Portland, in Oregon," approved July 25, 1866; and

On motion by Mr. Williams,

Resolved, That the Senate agree to the amendment of the House of Representatives to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Ramsey,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 403) to establish certain post roads; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 140) to amend an act entitled "An act imposing taxes on distilled spirits and tobacco, and for other purposes," approved July 20, 1868.

The House of Representatives has passed the joint resolution of the Senate (S. 36) respecting the retirement of Brevet Major General S. P. Heintzleman.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled joint resolution, (H. R. 6,) I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Thayer reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the joint resolution (H. R. 6) for the protection of

the interests of the United States in the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and the Central Pacific Railroad Company, and for other purposes.

The President *pro tempore* signed the enrolled joint resolution (H. R. 6) last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Sumner,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 1869.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed a bill (H. R 421) making available an appropriation heretofore made for furniture for the presidential mansion, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed four enrolled bills (S. 94, S. 236, H. R. 140, and H. R. 403) and four enrolled joint resolutions, (S. 36, S. 58, S. 59, and S. 61,) I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Thayer reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills and joint resolutions:

S. 94. An act to amend an act entitled "An act granting lands to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Central Pacific railroad, in California, to Portland, in Oregon," approved July 25, 1866.

S. 236. An act to extend the time for the Little Rock and Fort Smith Railroad Company to complete the first section of twenty miles of said road.

H. R. 140. An act to amend an act entitled "An act imposing taxes on distilled spirits and tobacco, and for other purposes," approved July 20, 1868.

H. R. 403. An act to establish certain post roads.

S. 36. Joint resolution respecting the retirement of Brevet Major General S. P. Heintzleman.

S. 58. Joint resolution for the protection of soldiers and their heirs.

S. 59. Joint resolution making San Diego, California, a port of delivery.

S. 61. Joint resolution extending the time for the completion of the Portage Lake and Lake Superior ship canal.

The President *pro tempore* signed the four enrolled bills (S. 94, S. 236, H. R. 140, and H. R. 403) and the four enrolled joint resolutions (S. 36, S. 58, S. 59, and S. 61) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Trumbull,

The bill (H. R. 243) to provide for the publication of the opinions of the Attorney General, and for other purposes, was read the second time and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and having been amended, on the motion of Mr. Trumbull from the Committee on the Judiciary, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill, as amended, was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended to read "An act concerning the Attorney General."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

Mr. Harlan, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of P. P. Pitchlynn, and others, delegates of the Choctaw Indians, for the settlement of their claim against the United States arising under certain treaty stipulations, submitted a report thereon, (No. 9,) which was ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Pomeroy,

Ordered, That the Agricultural and Mechanical Society of Leavenworth, Kansas, have leave to withdraw its petition and papers from the files of the Senate.

The bill (H. R. 421) making available an appropriation heretofore made for furniture for the Presidential mansion was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Casserly, from the Committee on Printing, reported the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved by the Senate, (the House of Representatives concurring,) That there be printed 4,000 extra copies of the annual report of the Commissioner of Patents, for 1869, for the use of the Senate; 10,000 extra copies of the same for the use of the House; and 5,000 extra copies of the same for distribution by the Commissioner of Patents.

Mr. Chandler, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 92) to discontinue Sault Ste. Marie as a port of entry in the Superior district, and to establish Marquette in lieu thereof, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Trumbull submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That a committee consisting of two members be appointed, to join such committee as may be appointed by the House of Representatives, to wait upon the President and inform him that unless, he may have some further communication to make, the two houses of Congress are ready to close their session by adjournment without day.

The President *pro tempore* appointed Mr. Trumbull and Mr. Davis the committee on the part of the Senate.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the said resolution.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the following bill and joint resolutions of the Senate:

S. 273. An act for the relief of Rollin White,

S. 62. Joint resolution in relation to a site for a building for the State Department.

S. 64. Joint resolution appointing General Thomas Osborn a manager of the Asylum for Disabled Soldiers.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed three enrolled bills, (H. R. 92, H. R. 243, and H. R. 421,) I am requested to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Thayer reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

H. R. 92. An act to discontinue Sault Ste. Marie as a port of entry in the Superior district, and to establish Marquette in lieu thereof.

H. R. 243. An act concerning the Attorney General.

H. R. 421. An act making available an appropriation heretofore made for furniture for the presidential mansion.

The President *pro tempore* signed the three enrolled bills (H. R. 92, H. R. 243, and H. R. 421) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the resolution of the Senate for the appointment of a committee to wait upon the President of the United States, and inform him that, unless he may have some further communication to make, the two houses of Congress are ready to adjourn, and it has appointed Mr. Dawes and Mr. Logan the committee on its part.

Mr. Thayer reported from the committee that they this day presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills and joint resolutions:

S. 11. An act to renew certain grants of land to the State of Alabama.

S. 38. An act to remove the charge of desertion from certain soldiers of the 13th Tennessee cavalry.

S. 44. An act to amend the judicial system of the United States.

S. 60. An act legalizing the stamping of certain subscription papers executed and issued to the Iowa Northern Central Railroad Company.

S. 75. An act regulating the rights of property of married women in the District of Columbia.

S. 94. An act to amend an act entitled "An act granting lands to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Central Pacific railroad, in California, to Portland, in Oregon," approved July 25, 1866.

S. 236. An act to extend the time for the Little Rock and Fort Smith Railroad Company to complete the first section of twenty miles of said road.

S. 19. Joint resolution enabling bona fide settlers to purchase certain lands acquired from the Great and Little Osage tribe of Indians.

S. 29. Joint resolution in relation to the Burlington and Missouri River railroad branch of the Union Pacific railroad.

S. 36. Joint resolution respecting the retirement of Brevet Major General S. P. Heintzelman.

S. 58. Joint resolution for the protection of soldiers and their heirs.

S. 59. Joint resolution making San Diego, California, a port of delivery.

S. 61. Joint resolution extending the time for the completion of the Portage Lake and Lake Superior ship canal.

On motion by Mr. Morton, that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the resolution submitted by him on the 6th instant, directing the Secretary to pay the Senators from the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Arkansas, and Louisiana, compensation from the commencement of the 2d session of the 40th Congress.

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas.....38 / Nays.....15

On motion by Mr. Morton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Bayard, Boreman, Brownlow, Cameron, Casserly, Cattell, Chandler, Cole, Corbett, Drake, Fowler, Hamlin, Harlan, Harris, McDonald, Morton, Norton, Nye, Osborn, Pomeroy, Pool, Pratt, Ramsey, Robertson, Ross, Sawyer, Scott, Sherman, Spencer, Stewart, Stockton, Thayer, Thurman, Tipton, Willey, Wilson, Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Buckingham, Cragin, Davis, Fenton, Ferry, Fessenden, Howard, Howe, McCreery, Morrill, Patterson, Schurz, Trumbull, Williams.

So the motion was agreed to, and

The said resolution was read the second time and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and

Pending debate thereon,

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Porter, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed, this day, the following acts and joint resolutions:

S. 11. An act to renew certain grants of land to the State of Alabama.

S. 38. An act to remove the charge of desertion from certain soldiers of the 13th Tennessee cavalry.

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A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed, this day, the following acts and joint resolutions:

H. R. 123. An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1870.

H. R. 124. An act to declare and fix the status of judge advocates of the army.

H. R. 140. An act to amend an act entitled "An act imposing taxes on distilled spirits and tobacco, and for other purposes," approved July 20, 1869.

H. R. 354. An act making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1869, and additional appropriations for the year ending June 30, 1870, and for other purposes.

H. R. 358. An act for the relief of Joseph P. Fyffe, commander in the United States navy.

H. R. 367. An act making an appropriation for the improvement of rivers and harbors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1869, and the year ending June 30, 1870.

H. R. 403. An act to establish certain post roads.

H. R. 404. An act to repeal an act of the legislature of New Mexico imposing a tax on bovine cattle.

H. R. 405. An act authorizing the submission of the constitutions of Virginia, Mississippi, and Texas to a vote of the people, and authorizing the election of State officers provided by the said constitutions, and members of Congress.

H. R. 6. Joint resolution for the protection of the interests of the United States in the Union Pacific Railroad Company, the Central Pacific Railroad Company, and for other purposes.

H. R. 243. An act concerning the Attorney General.

H. R. 92. An act to discontinue Sault Ste. Marie as a port of entry in the Superior district, and to establish Marquette in lieu thereof.

H. R. 421. An act making available an appropriation heretofore made for furniture for the Presidential mansion.

H. R. 43. Joint resolution concerning vacancies in the Adjutant General's department.

H. R. 48. Joint resolution granting right of way for the construction of a railroad from a point at or near Portland, Oregon, to a point west of the Cascade mountains, in Washington Territory.

H. R. 51. Joint resolution authorizing the transfer of certain appropriations heretofore made.

Mr. Trumbull, from the committee appointed on the part of the Senate to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that, unless he may have some further communication to make, the two houses of Congress are ready to close the present session by adjournment without day, reported that the committee had performed the duty assigned it, and that the President had requested it to inform Congress that he had no further communication to make to it; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution for the payment of compensation to the senators from the lately reconstructed States, from the commencement of the 2d session of the 40th Congress; and

Pending debate thereon,

The President *pro tempore* announced that the hour fixed by the concurrent resolution of the two houses for the termination of the 1st session of the 41st Congress had arrived, and declared the Senate adjourned without day.

PROCEEDINGS

OF

A SESSION SPECIALLY CALLED.

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 1869.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A Proclamation.

Whereas objects of interest to the United States require that the Senate should be convened at twelve o'clock on the twelfth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, to receive and act upon such communications as may be made to it on the part of the Executive:

Now, therefore, I, U. S. Grant, President of the United States, have considered it to be my duty to issue this, my proclamation, declaring that an extraordinary occasion requires the Senate of the United States to convene for the transaction of business at the Capitol, in the city of Washington, on the twelfth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, at twelve o'clock noon on that day, of which all who shall at that time be entitled to act as members of that body are hereby required to take notice.

Given under my hand and the seal of the United States, at Washington, the eighth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, and of the independence of the United States of America the ninety-third.

[SEAL.] U. S. GRANT.

By the President:

HAMILTON FISH, *Secretary of State.*

In conformity with the foregoing proclamation of the President of the United States, the Senate assembled in its chamber at the city of Washington.

PRESENT:

From the State of New Hampshire.

Messrs. { Aaron H. Cragin, James W. Patterson.

From the State of Massachusetts.

Messrs. { Charles Sumner, Henry Wilson.

From the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

Messrs. { Henry B. Anthony, William Sprague.

From the State of Connecticut.

Messrs. { William A. Buckingham,
Orris S. Ferry.

From the State of Vermont.

Messrs. { George F. Edmunds,
Justin S. Morrill.

From the State of New York.

Messrs. { Roscoe Conkling,
Reuben E. Fenton.

From the State of New Jersey.

Messrs. { Alexander G. Cattell,
John P. Stockton.

From the State of Pennsylvania.

Messrs. { Simon Cameron,
John Scott.

From the State of North Carolina.

Messrs. { J. C. Abbott,
John Pool.

From the State of South Carolina.

Messrs. { T. J. Robertson,
Frederick A. Sawyer.

From the State of Kentucky.

Messrs. { Garrett Davis,
Thos. C. McCreery.

From the State of Tennessee.

Messrs. { William G. Brownlow,
Joseph S. Fowler.

From the State of Ohio.

Messrs. { John Sherman,
Allen G. Thurman.

From the State of Louisiana.

Messrs. { John S. Harris,
W. P. Kellogg.

From the State of Indiana.

Messrs. { Oliver P. Morton,
Daniel D. Pratt.

From the State of Illinois.

Messrs. { Lyman Trumbull, Richard Yates.

From the State of Alabama.

Messrs. { George E. Spencer, Willard Warner.

From the State of Maine.

Messrs. { William Pitt Fessenden, Hannibal Hamlin.

From the State of Missouri.

Messrs. { Charles D. Drake, Carl Schurz.

From the State of Arkansas.

Messrs. { Alexander McDonald, Benjamin F. Rice.

From the State of Michigan.

Messrs. { Zachariah Chandler, Jacob M. Howard.

From the State of Florida.

Messrs. { Abijah Gilbert, T. W. Osborn.

From the State of Iowa.

Mr. James Harlan.

From the State of Wisconsin.

Messrs. { Matt. H. Carpenter, Timothy O. Howe.

From the State of California.

Messrs. { Eugene Casserly, Cornelius Cole.

From the State of Minnesota.

Messrs. { Daniel S. Norton, Alexander Ramsey.

From the State of Oregon.

Messrs. { Henry W. Corbett, George H. Williams.

From the State of Kansas.

Messrs. { Samuel C. Pomeroy,
Edmund G. Ross.

From the State of West Virginia.

Messrs. { Arthur I. Boreman,
Waitman P. Willey.

From the State of Nevada.

Messrs. { James W. Nye,
William M. Stewart.

From the State of Nebraska.

Messrs. { John M. Thayer,
Thomas W. Tipton.

The honorable Henry B. Anthony, President of the Senate *pro tempore*, resumed the chair; and

Mr. Hamlin submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That a committee, to consist of two members, be appointed by the President of the Senate to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum of the Senate is assembled, and that the Senate is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make; and

The President *pro tempore* appointed Mr. Hamlin and Mr. Casserly the committee.

On motion by Mr. Sumner,

Ordered, That the hour of the daily meeting of the Senate be 12 o'clock meridian, until otherwise ordered.

Mr. Sumner submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the standing committees of the Senate, as they stood at the close of the late session, be continued during the present session.

Mr. Sherman presented the petition of Jacob H. Catlin, praying to be relieved from political disabilities; which was referred to the Committee on Political Disabilities.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

Ordered, That Mrs. A. M. Howard have leave to withdraw her petition and papers from the files of the Senate.

Mr. Hamlin, from the committee appointed to wait upon upon the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum of the Senate is assembled, and that it is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make, reported that the committee had performed the duty assigned it, and that the President had directed it to inform the Senate that he would communicate in writing to the Senate immediately; and

After the consideration of executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 1869.

Mr. Hamlin presented a petition of soldiers of the war of 1812, praying to be allowed pensions; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Sumner submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

Resolved, That five hundred additional copies of the President's message of the 7th instant, and the accompanying documents relating to claims against Great Britain, be printed for the use of the Department of State.

After the consideration of executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 1869.

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 1869.

On motion by Mr. Sumner,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 1869.

Mr. Wilson submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he hereby is, authorized, with the consent of the government of Colombia, to cause a thorough survey to be made for a ship railroad or ship canal across the Isthmus of Darien from San Miguel to the Gulf of Uraba or Darien.

Mr. Edmunds submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the President *pro tempore* be, and he hereby is, directed to adjourn the Senate without day on Saturday, April 17, 1869, at 5 o'clock afternoon; and

After the consideration of executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 1869.

Mr. Willey presented the petition of James L. Scoggin, of Lunenburg county, State of Virginia, praying to be relieved from political disabilities imposed upon him by laws of Congress and the Constitution of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on the Removal of Political Disabilities.

Mr. Sherman presented a resolution of the legislature of the State of Ohio, requesting senators and representatives from the State of Ohio to oppose all further grants of lands to railroads or other corporations; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion by Mr. Ramsey, that the Senate adjourn,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 4 / Nays 36

On motion by Mr. Drake,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Ramsey, Ross, Trumbull.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Boreman, Brownlow, Buckingham, Carpenter, Casserly, Chandler, Cole, Conkling, Cragin, Davis, Drake, Edmunds, Fenton, Fessenden, Fowler, Harlan, Howard, Howe, McCreery, Morrill, Morton, Patterson, Pomeroy, Pratt, Rice, Schurz, Scott, Sherman, Spencer, Stewart, Sumner, Tipton, Willey, Williams, Wilson.

So the Senate refused to adjourn.

On motion by Mr. Sumner that the Senate proceed to the consideration of executive business,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 30 / Nays 8

On motion by Mr. Sumner,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Boreman, Brownlow, Buckingham, Carpenter, Cole, Conkling, Cragin, Davis, Drake, Fenton, Fessenden, Harlan, Harris, Howard, Howe, Morton, Patterson, Pomeroy, Pratt, Ramsey, Rice, Schurz, Scott, Sherman, Spencer, Sumner, Tipton, Williams, Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Casserly, Edmunds, Fowler, McCreery, Morrill, Stockton, Willey.

So the motion was agreed to.

Thereupon

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, APRIL 19, 1869.

The President *pro tempore* presented the petition of Samuel D. Sullivan, praying to be relieved of political disabilities; which was referred to the Committee on Political Disabilities.

The President *pro tempore* presented resolutions of the Grand Council of the Union League of the State of Virginia relative to the removal of political disabilities; which were referred to the Committee on Political Disabilities.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a memorial of the American Emigration Society of England, communicated through the American minister at London, praying assistance to emigrants to America.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Morrill submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the architect of the Capitol be directed to have a room in the attic story of the Capitol, in the rear of the Supreme Court room, fitted up for the reception of the books belonging to the office of the Secretary of the Senate, which are now deposited in the room of the Committee on Appropriations and in the upper corridors of the Senate.

Mr. Chandler submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the judgment of the Senate the true solution of all controversies between Great Britain and the United States will be found in a surrender of all British possessions in North America to the people of the United States, and that the President be, and he is hereby, requested to open negotiations as soon as practicable for a settlement of all matters in dispute upon that basis.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution; and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Sumner,

Ordered, That the resolution be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Kellogg submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to cause an examination to be made as to the condition of the bar at the mouth of the Mississippi river at Southwest pass, so as to ascertain what obstruction to commerce there exists, and report at the next session of Congress as to the best means of removing said obstruction and deepening the channel, and the probable cost of the same; also the amounts heretofore expended under the direction of the War Department for this purpose.

After the consideration of executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 1869.

Mr. Hamlin presented the memorial of Adolph Kuehn, praying the difference of pay between 1st sergeant and 2d lieutenant, from January 18 to July 29, 1865; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Hamlin presented the petition of John McNeill, praying to be relieved of political disabilities; which was referred to the Committee on Political Disabilities.

Mr. Carpenter submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of State, of the Treasury, of the Interior, of War, of the Navy, the Postmaster General, and the Attorney General, be requested to furnish to the Senate, on the first day of its next session, information of the names, age, and compensation of all inferior officers, clerks, and employés in their respective departments, showing from what States they were respectively appointed, and how long, and at what place or places they had resided in the States from which they were respectively appointed, prior to their appointments respectively, and on whose recommendation they were appointed.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the resolution submitted by him on the 16th instant, fixing a day for the adjournment of the Senate without day,

On motion by Mr. Sumner that the Senate proceed to the consideration of executive business,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....25 / Nays.....31

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Boreman, Brownlow, Buckingham, Carpenter, Chandler, Cole, Cragin, Fessenden, Harlan, Harris, Howe, Kellogg, McDon-

ald, Morton, Ramsey, Rice, Robertson, Ross, Schurz, Sherman, Sumner, Warner, Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Cameron, Casserly, Cattell, Conkling, Corbett, Davis, Drake, Edmunds, Fenton, Fowler, Gilbert, Hamilton, Hamlin, Howard, McCreery, Morrill, Nye, Patterson, Pomeroy, Pool, Pratt, Scott, Spencer, Stewart, Thurman, Tipton, Trumbull, Willey, Williams, Yates.

So the motion of Mr. Sumner was not agreed to; and

On the question to agree to the motion submitted by Mr. Edmunds,

It was determined in the affirmative; and

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the said resolution which is as follows:

Resolved, That the President *pro tempore* be, and he hereby is, directed to adjourn the Senate, without day, on Saturday, April 17, 1869, at 5 o'clock afternoon.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

To amend the resolution by striking out the words "Saturday, April 17," and inserting *Thursday, April 22*; and by striking out "5 o'clock," and inserting 4 *o'clock*,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas.....29 / Nays.....27

On motion by Mr. Sumner,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Buckingham, Cameron, Casserly, Conkling, Corbett, Davis, Edmunds, Fenton, Fowler, Gilbert, Hamilton, Hamlin, Howard, Kellogg, McCreery, Morrill, Patterson, Pool, Pratt, Sawyer, Scott, Stewart, Stockton, Thurman, Tipton, Trumbull, Willey, Williams, Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs, Abbott, Anthony, Boreman, Brownlow, Carpenter, Cattell, Chandler, Cole, Cragin, Drake, Fessenden, Harlan, Harris, McDonald, Morton, Pomeroy, Ramsey, Rice, Robertson, Ross, Schurz, Sherman, Spencer, Sumner, Thayer, Warner, Wilson.

So the amendment was agreed to; and

The resolution having been further amended, on the motion of Mr. Fessenden,

On the question to agree to the resolution as amended,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas.....32 / Nays.....24

On motion by Mr. Sumner,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Buckingham, Cameron, Casserly, Cattell, Conkling, Corbett, Cragin, Davis, Drake, Edmunds, Fenton, Fessenden, Fowler, Gilbert, Hamilton, Hamlin, Howard, Kellogg, McCreery, McDonald, Morrill, Patterson, Pool, Scott, Stewart, Stockton, Thurman, Tipton, Trumbull, Willey, Williams, Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Abbott, Anthony, Boreman, Brownlow, Carpenter, Chandler, Harlan, Harris, Morton, Pomeroy, Pratt, Ramsey, Rice, Robertson, Ross, Sawyer, Schurz, Sherman, Spencer, Sprague, Sumner, Thayer, Warner, Yates.

So it was

Resolved, That when the Senate adjourn on Thursday next, it adjourn without day; and

After the consideration of executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 1869.

Mr. Sumner submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the existing order for the adjournment of the Senate without day is hereby rescinded.

On motion by Mr. Wilson,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him on the 16th instant, authorizing the Secretary of the Navy, with the consent of the government of Colombia, to cause a survey for a ship railway or canal to be made across the Isthmus of Darien; and

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the resolution be postponed to to-morrow.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the motion to print one thousand additional copies of the report made by Mr. Edmunds, on the 1st March last, from the Committee on Retrenchment, on the condition and management of the affairs of the Treasury Department, reported in favor of printing the same; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution of Mr. Sumner, of the 13th instant, to print five hundred additional copies of the message of the President of the United States in relation to the claims of citizens of the United States against Great Britain, reported that by law no extra copies of any document could be printed without the concurrence of both houses of Congress; and that the Committee was, in consequence, unable to make any recommendation upon the resolution referred to them.

On motion by Mr. Carpenter,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him yesterday, directing the Secretaries of the several executive departments, the Postmaster General, and the Attorney General, to furnish the Senate with the names, age, and compensation of all inferior officers, clerks, and employés in their respective departments, the States from which appointed, the place of residence of each previous to appointment, and upon whose recommendation they were appointed; and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Abbott to amend the resolution by inserting at the end thereof the following:

And be it further resolved, That, in the opinion of the Senate, the distribution of the official patronage of the government not embraced in local offices in the States, should be made as nearly equal among all the States, according to their representation and population, as may be practicable; and that to confine such patronage to particular States or sections, either wholly or partially, is both unjust and injudicious,

After further debate, and the consideration of executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 1869.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a report of the National Academy of Sciences, made in compliance with the act approved March 4, 1863, showing its operations during the past year.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Robertson submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to pay the

pages of the Senate during the present executive session, and the clerks of the several committees, of the first day of May next.

On motion by Mr. Sumner,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business, the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Thurman, at 1 o'clock and 30 minutes a. m.,

That the Senate adjourn,

It was determined in the affirmative; and

Thereupon

The President *pro tempore* in obedience to the resolution of the Senate of the 20th instant, declared the Senate adjourned without day.

APPENDIX.

tors of the United States whose seats will become vacant in—

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of N. C.	Mr. Cameron, of Penn.	Mr. Bayard, of Del.
y, of R. I.	Cole, of Cal.	Boreman, of West Va.
of N. J.	Conkling, of N. Y.	Brownlow, of Tenn.
, of N. H.	Corbett, of Oregon.	Buckingham, of Conn.
den, of Me.	Davis, of Ky.	Carpenter, of Wis.
, of Tenn.	Drake, of Mo.	Casserly, of Cal.
, of Iowa.	Ferry, of Conn.	Chandler, of Mich.
of La.	Harlan, of Iowa.	Edmunds, of Vt.
d, of Mich.	Howe, of Wis.	Fenton, of N. Y.
ery, of Ky.	Kellogg, of La.	Gilbert, of Florida.
ald, of Ark.	Morrill, of Vt.	Hamilton, of Md.
, of Minn.	Morton, of Ind.	Hamlin, of Me.
son, of S. C.	Nye, of Nevada.	Pratt, of Ind.
of Kansas.	Osborn, of Florida.	Ramsey, of Minn.
ury, of Del.	Patterson, of N. H.	Schurz, of Mo.
, of Nebraska.	Pomeroy, of Kansas.	Scott, of Penn.
r, of Ala.	Pool, of N. C.	Sprague, of R. I.
, of West Va.	Rice, of Ark.	Stewart, of Nevada.
ns, of Oregon.	Sawyer, of S. C.	Stockton, of N. J.
, of Mass.	Sherman, of Ohio.	Sumner, of Mass.
of Ill.	Spencer, of Ala.	Thurman, of Ohio.
VACANT.	Trumbull, of Ill.	Tipton, of Nebraska.
a, 1.	Vickers, of Md.	VACANT.
sippi, 1.	VACANT.	Mississippi, 1.
1.	Georgia, 1.	Texas, 1.
ia, 1.		Virginia, 1.

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ia.
act to incorporate the National Junction Railway Company.
. act to abolish the office of Chief of Staff to the General of the
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. act to amend "An act regulating the tenure of certain civil offices."
. act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide a national currency
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or other purposes.
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us Indian tribes for the year ending June 30, 1870.
ı act authorizing the submission of the constitutions of Virginia,
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ıon of State officers provided by the said constitutions, and members
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s and tobacco, and for other purposes," approved July 20, 1868.
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ɔrs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1869, and the year ending
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An act for the relief of Isabella C. Youngs, wife of Theophilus Youngs.

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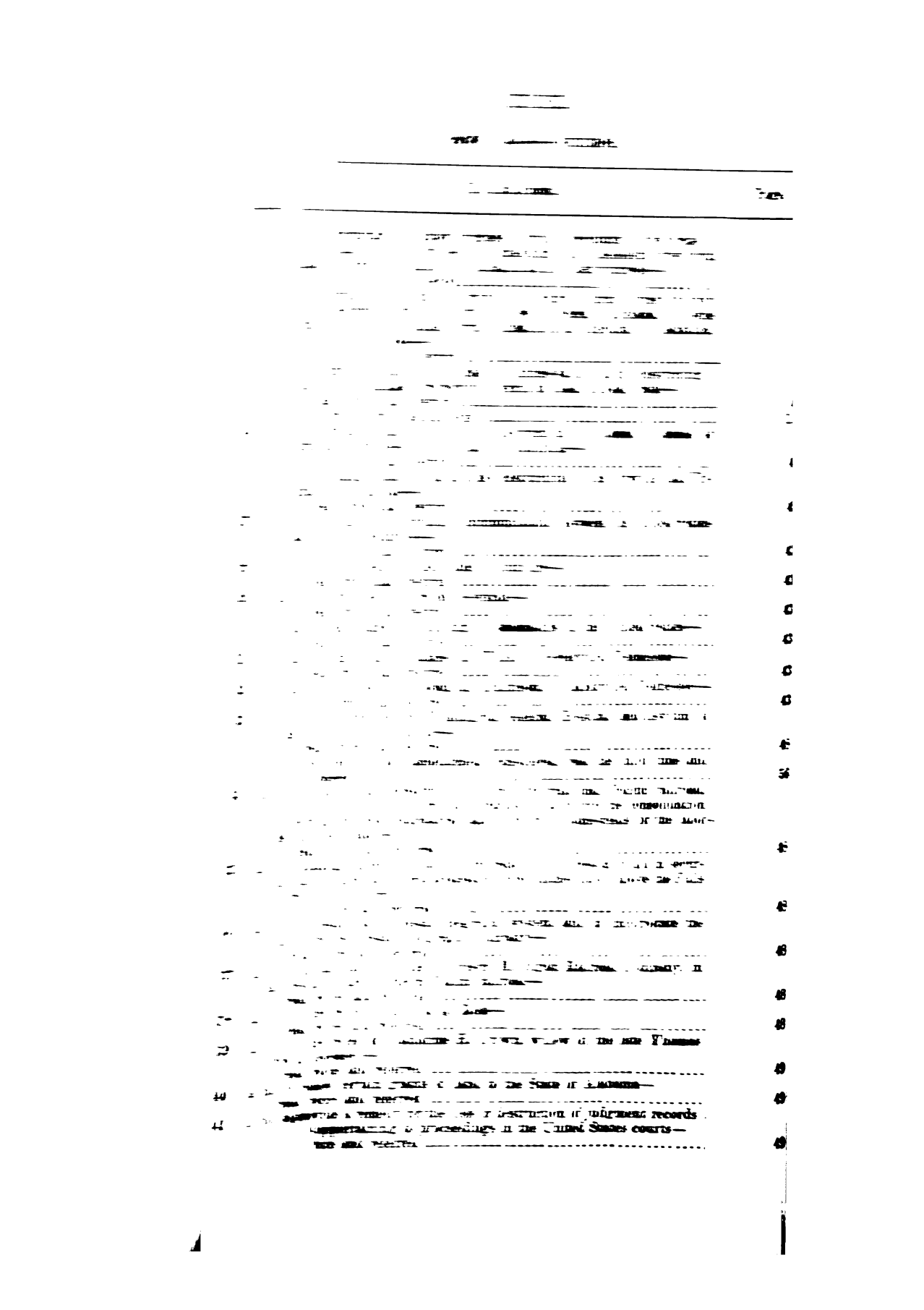

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An act to continue in force an act entitled "An act to extend the charter of Washington city," and so forth.

An act relating to freedmen's hospitals.

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An act to amend the judicial system of the United States.

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4	Joint resolution requiring parties desiring to be relieved from political disabilities to make application to Congress, in writing over their own signatures, setting forth the grounds upon which relief is asked, which shall be sworn to—	
	read twice	20
	referred	69
	reported with amendments	110
	considered, amended, read the third time and passed	111
5	Joint resolution authorizing the appointment of commissioners to examine the claims of citizens of Douglas, Johnson, and Miami counties, Kansas, for spoliations committed in what is known as the Quantrell raid, in August, 1863—	
	read twice and referred	20
6	Joint resolution to enable actual settlers on certain lands within the State of Kansas, known as the "Cherokee Strip," to purchase said lands—	
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	reported with amendments	61
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	reported without amendment and postponed indefinitely	4[illegible]

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	considered, amended, read the third time and passed	58
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9	Joint resolution granting the right of way to the Memphis, El Paso, and Pacific Railroad Company from El Paso to the Pacific ocean—	
	read twice and referred	28
	reported with amendments	119
10	Joint resolution directing the Secretary of War to sell Bergen Heights arsenal—	
	read twice and referred	28
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11	Joint resolution extending the time to construct a railroad from the Saint Croix river, or lake, to the west end of Lake Superior, and to Bayfield—	
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15	Joint resolution giving construction to the acts of Congress granting lands to the State of Wisconsin to aid in building railroads—	
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16	Joint resolution for the relief of Benjamin Cooley and James W. Boswell—	
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17	Joint resolution authorizing the sale of the Chattanooga rolling-mill property, at Chattanooga, Tennessee, to the Southwestern Iron Company—	
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18	Joint resolution for the relief of William B. Whiting, a captain, formerly a commander, in the navy of the United States, on the reserved list—	
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19	Joint resolution enabling actual settlers to purchase certain lands of the Great and Little Osage Indians—	
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	presented	91
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21	Joint resolution authorizing the removal of the public stables, steam saw-mill, and other buildings from the Capitol grounds—	
	read twice, considered, read the third time and passed	41
	passed the House of Representatives	59
	examined	68
	signed	68
	presented	73
	approved	78
22	Joint resolution relative to consular fees—	
	read twice, considered, read the third time and passed	41
	passed the House of Representatives	78
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	presented	91
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23	Joint resolution for setting apart a portion of the Fort Snelling military reservation for a permanent military post and the settlement of all claims in relation thereto—	
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24	Joint resolution for the disposal of the public lands in the States of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Florida—	
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25	Joint resolution for the relief of Helen Lincoln and Heloise Lincoln, and for the withholding of moneys from tribes of Indians holding American captives—	
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26	Joint resolution relating to the Interior Department—	
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27	Joint resolution authorizing Commander Charles H. Baldwin, United States navy, to accept a gold medal from the king of the Netherlands—	
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28	Joint resolution authorizing Lieutenant Commander W. A. Kirkland, United States navy, to accept a gold medal from the Emperor of France—	
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29	Joint resolution in relation to the Burlington and Missouri River railroad branch of the Union Pacific railroad—	
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	passed the House of Representatives with an amendment	137
	Senate agrees to the amendment of the House of Representatives	137
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32	Joint resolution prescribing the manner of proceeding by State legislatures upon amendments to the Constitution proposed to them for ratification—	
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33	Joint resolution relating to government buildings at Fort Totten, Dakota Territory—	
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	reported without amendment, considered, read the third time and passed	76
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34	Joint resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to appoint guardians or trustees for minor Indian children who may be entitled to pensions or bounties under the existing laws—	
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35	Joint resolution donating the Lincoln hospital to the Columbia Hospital for Women and Lying-in Asylum—	
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36	Joint resolution respecting the retirement of Brevet Major General S. P. Heintzelman—	
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	reported without amendment	127
	considered, read the third time and passed	144
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37	Joint resolution amendatory of the acts of March 3, 1857, and of March 12, 1864, granting lands to the States of Minnesota and Iowa, to aid in the construction of certain railroads—	
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38	Joint resolution in relation to taking the ninth census—	
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39	Joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to audit and settle the accounts of William Y. Patch, late collector of internal revenue for the first collection district of California—	
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40	Joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to take charge of the Gettysburg and Antietam national cemeteries—	
	read and passed to a second reading	75
41	Joint resolution donating to the public schools of Washington, District of Columbia, the frame building located at the southeastern corner of Twenty-second street west and I street north, in said city—	
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42	Joint resolution respecting the pay and allowances of enlisted men of the army—	
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	read twice and referred	85
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45	Joint resolution for the relief of John M. Broome and others, the band of the 12th Kentucky infantry—	
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46	Joint resolution for the protection of soldiers and their heirs—	
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47	Joint resolution for the relief of certain contractors for the construction of vessels of war and steam machinery—	
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48	Joint resolution to drop from the rolls of the army certain officers absent without leave—	
	read twice, considered, read the third time and passed	95
49	Joint resolution directing the Secretary of the Interior to issue a patent to the Indiana Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends for a certain tract of land in the Shawnee reservation—	
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50	Joint resolution for the relief of John Montgomery—	
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51	Joint resolution exempting all the counties of the State of West Virginia from the operation of the act of Congress entitled "An act to declare the sense of an act entitled 'An act to restrict the jurisdiction of the Court of Claims, and to provide for the payment of certain demands for quartermasters' stores and subsistence supplies furnished to the army of the United States' "—	
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52	Joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to refund penalty, interest, and costs illegally assessed and collected under direct tax laws—	
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53	Joint resolution relating to certain brevet appointments—	
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54	Joint resolution to distribute the number and rank of government employés among the several districts and Territories—	
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55	Joint resolution donating condemned material to the Industrial Home School of the District of Columbia—	
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59	Joint resolution making San Diego, California, a port of entry—	
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60	Joint resolution in relation to the officers of certain Missouri troops—	
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61	Joint resolution extending the time for the completion of the Portage Lake and Lake Superior ship canal—	
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	reported without amendment, considered, read the third time and passed	127
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7	An act to strengthen the public credit—	
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9	An act extending the time for revising and consolidating the statutes of the United States—	
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46	An act for the relief of Samuel H. Moore, late a private in company G, 57th regiment Ohio veteran volunteer infantry—	
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92	An act to discontinue Sault St. Marie as a port of entry in the Superior district, and to establish Marquette in lieu thereof—	
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	read twice and referred	14
	reported without amendment, considered, read the third time and passed	16
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123	An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes for the year ending June 30, 1870—	
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	Senate agrees thereto	47
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124	An act to declare and fix the status of judge advocates of the army—	
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	House of Representatives disagrees to the amendments of the Senate and asks a conference	152
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137	An act to abolish the office of chief-of staff to the General of the army—	
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	reported without amendment	80
	considered, read the third time and passed	93, 94
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138	An act relating to retired officers of the army—	
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143	An act [to provide for the publication of the opinions of the Attorney General, and for other purposes,] *concerning the Attorney General*—	
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166	An act for the relief of Abram G. Snyder, of the Watervliet arsenal, at West Troy, New York—	
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	read twice and referred	93
	committee discharged, and referred to the Committee on Claims	100
168	An act for the relief of Captain George E. Grisham, of Tennessee—	
	received	91
	read twice and referred	93
	committee discharged, and referred to the Committee on Claims	100
169	An act for the relief of William E. Byrd, of Hancock county, State of Tennessee—	
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	read twice and referred	93
	committee discharged, and referred to the Committee on Claims	100
170	An act for the relief of Henry B. Mears—	
	received	91
	read twice and referred	93
	committee discharged, and referred to the Committee on Claims	100
171	An act for the relief of Colonel Samuel W. Price, of the twenty-first Kentucky volunteers—	
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	read twice and referred	93
	committee discharged, and referred to the Committee on Claims	100

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325	An act to repeal the first section of an act relating to appeals to the Supreme Court—	
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331	An act to relieve certain persons therein named from legal and political disabilities imposed by the fourteenth amendment of the Constitution of the United States, and for other purposes—	
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334	An act for the coinage of nickel-copper pieces of five cents and under—	
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335	An act for the relief of Jearum Atkins—	
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336	An act for the relief of Alinzor Clark—	
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	read twice and referred	106
343	An act for holding terms of the district court of the United States for the district of Nevada—	
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351	An act to change certain land districts in the State of California—	
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354	An act making appropriations [and] to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the government for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1869, and June 30, 1870, and for other purposes—	
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	House of Representatives agrees to some and disagrees to other amendments of the Senate, and asks a conference	142
	Senate insists upon its amendments and agrees to the conference	142
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358	An act for the relief of Joseph P. Fyffe, commander in the United States navy—	
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	read twice and referred	116
	reported without amendment	133
	considered, read the third time and passed	145
	examined and signed	148
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367	An act making an appropriation for the improvement of rivers and harbors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1869, and the year ending June 30, 1870—	
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	considered, read the third time and passed	145
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	considered, read the third time and passed	160
	examined and signed	161
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104	An act to repeal an act of the legislature of New Mexico imposing a capitation tax on bovine cattle—	
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	read twice and ordered to lie on the table	131
	considered, read the third time and passed	138
	examined and signed	142
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105	An act authorizing the submission of the constitutions of Virginia, Mississippi, and Texas to a vote of the people, and authorizing the election of State officers provided by the said constitutions, and members of Congress—	
	received and read twice	142
	considered and amended, (yeas and nays)	149
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	examined and signed	159
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108	An act for the relief of Mrs. Susan A. Shelby—	
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119	An act to allow persons in certain cases to testify—	
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	considered, read the third time and passed	37
	examined and signed	55
	approved	86
4	Joint resolution relating to steamboats and other vessels owned in the loyal States—	
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	reported without amendment	124
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6	Joint resolution for the protection of the interests of the United States in the Union Pacific Railway Company, *and the Central Pacific Railway Company*, and for other purposes—	
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	House of Representatives agrees to the amendments of the Senate	160
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29	Joint resolution for the relief of Blanton Duncan—	
	received, read twice, and referred	63
	reported with an amendment	119
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	House of Representatives agrees to the amendment of the Senate	157
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30	Joint resolution to supply omissions in the enrollment of certain appropriation acts approved March 3, 1869—	
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	reported with amendments, considered, amended, read the third time and passed	71
	House of Representatives agrees to the amendments of the Senate	78
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	approved	102
34	Joint resolution to sell or exchange the site of custom-house in the city of Nashville, Tennessee, that a more suitable location may be obtained—	
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	read twice and referred	148
40	Joint resolution granting the right of way to the Memphis, El Paso, and Pacific Railroad Company from El Paso to the Pacific ocean—	
	received, read twice, and ordered to lie on the table	78
43	Joint resolution concerning vacancies in the Adjutant General's department—	
	received, read twice, and referred	78
	reported without amendment	80
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	examined and signed	148
	approved	165
44	Joint resolution to authorize works of art intended for free exhibition to be introduced into the United States without payment of duty—	
	received, read twice, and referred	78
	reported adversely and postponed indefinitely	128
48	Joint resolution granting right of way for the construction of a railroad from a point at or near Portland, Oregon, to a point west of the Cascade mountains, in Washington Territory—	
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	read twice and referred	120
	reported without amendment	140
	considered, read the third time and passed	155
	examined and signed	157
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53	Joint resolution for relief of Francis S. McDonald—	
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	read twice and referred	93
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64	Joint resolution authorizing the building of a railroad bridge over the Ohio river at Paducah, Kentucky—	
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	read twice and referred	106
	reported without amendment, considered, read the third time and passed	112, 113
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